

## **Meeting February 19, 2018**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:01pm 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, Rogacki, Ruszkowski, Stevenson, and President Caruso. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilwoman Bailey left the meeting at 9:08pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Council President Caruso addressed the public and stated that anyone that was there to speak regarding the flooding that they could stay until after the Council's Executive Session was complete and that Council was going to have someone speak and address the issues with them.

David Reed of 160 Braddock Road Avenue, Mount Pleasant PA spoke to Council regarding the Burning Ordinance. The home that he purchased in the Borough of Mount Pleasant has three (3) acres and he would like to begin clearing the brush and removing trees. Mr. Reed understands that the Borough will haul it away at a cost; but, because there is so much there because of the amount of acreage involved, he requested that the Borough issue a Permit for a fee to allow them to burn the brush and branches since there is so much to remove. Borough Manager Landy stated the Mr. Reed's wife had called. Mr. Landy stated he spoke with Mayor Lucia regarding the burning; and, then spoke with Mr. Reed's wife. Borough Manager Landy stated he proposed two (2) options. The first was to cut up the brush and trees based on the Ordinance and leave it curbside and pay twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per truck load; and, the second was to deliver the brush & trees themselves to the compost to be ground up at no cost. Mrs. Reed presented a third option which was a "special permit". Borough Manager Landy stated that our Ordinance states that there is no burning in the Borough.

Mayor Lucia stated the reason that the Ordinance for no burning was created was due to the complaints of the neighbors of the people that was burning.

Councilman Cholock suggested that for removal maybe they offer the wood as free firewood.

Councilman Rogacki stated that there are a few companies in the area that will come in and chip the wood into mulch.

Mr. Reed asked for clarification of the Ordinance regarding burning. Council President Caruso stated you cannot burn anything other than a small firepit for roasting marshmallows or as a recreation use only.

Kathleen Ceroni, Representative of the Board of Directors of the Mount Pleasant Library, thanked Council and the Borough of Mount Pleasant for their continued support of the Mount Pleasant Library. Ms Ceroni stated the Library has changed due to the wonderful leadership of Ms. Diane Bailey, who is now resigning. Ms Ceroni personally thanked Councilwoman Bailey for her help, guidance and leadership with the Library. Meetings are no longer during working hours. Meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:00 P.M. The Mount Pleasant Library also offered their support to the Borough of Mount Pleasant and want to be more involved in the community with events, parades, etc.

Paul Baird of St. Clair Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the flooding on St. Clair Street. Mr. Baird stated that the flooding on St. Clair Street goes beyond just flooding. Mr. Baird stated that there is a sanitary sewer system problem and a storm water problem. Mr. Baird stated he had sewage backup once again. This is the second time since June. Mr. Baird stated that there is storm water going into the sanitary sewer lines. Council President Caruso stated that they are aware of storm water going into the sanitary sewer lines and they are working on a plan to

rectify it. Mr. Baird stated he knows that he needs backflow trap. Mr. Baird stated that in the 20 years that he has lived here, his home has not had any water in his house. Since June of 2017, it has been flooded 4 times. Mr. Baird asked for solutions. Mr. Baird asked if it is possible that something has changed near the Borough and Township line below Shop N Save. Mr. Baird stated that several streets are getting flooded. St. Clair, Mullin, and near Gary's Garage. He stated that Gary's Garage has never had water problems; and, that they had 2 ½ feet of water. Mr. Baird stated that there are two (2) problems; the sewage is backing up and he would like to see the pipe replaced; and, the second issue is water coming across Falcon Field that has never been there before. Mr. Baird stated he will be installing a backflow trap to stop the sewage backup. He also stated that the amount of tar and chipping that is being done to the streets is causing the drains to be filled with gravel.

Councilwoman Bailey asked if he believes that the excess gravel from tarring and chipping the streets is part of the problem along with downspouts that are not to be tied into the sanitary sewer lines. Mr. Baird stated that the gravel is a symptom of a much larger problem. He believes that the downspouts going into the sewer lines are a big problem. Council President Caruso stated flyers along with the Ordinance have been distributed to residents indicating that downspouts drained into the sanitary sewer lines is a violation of the Ordinance. President Caruso stated that they will be working on implementing a plan to enforce this violation. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they wanted to give residents time after distributing the flyers that they could make changes so they would not be in violation.

Mr. Baird suggested to Council to work with Mount Pleasant Township and possibly dredge the creek that runs next the railroad tracks. Councilman Cholock stated that there have been discussions regarding having that creek dredged. He stated that Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection told them that they are not permitted to dredge that creek. Mr. Baird stated he would like the Borough to meet with the Township to try and rectify the problem. Council President Caruso stated that he agrees with Mr. Baird and that they will make arrangements to meet with the Township regarding this issue.

Mr. Baird also stated that he cannot say enough great things about Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department for their help with the flooding. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Fire Department was out all night they did a great job.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she and Councilwoman Ruszkowski went to Shupes Run by the laundromat the night of the flooding. She stated that there is a four (4') foot outflow pipe that runs in to Shupes Run was completely covered by water; therefore, the storm water had nowhere to go.

Council President Caruso stated that they are working on a plan to be implemented to rectify the flooding.

Ed Sevasky of St. Clair Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the flooding on St. Clair Street. He stated he has property in the Borough and in the Township. He hasn't had any major water problems. Mr. Sevasky stated that he put in a backflow trap and he has not had an issue at his residence. Mr. Sevasky stated that he has lived here for 40 years and he has not seen an issue until the gas wells went in. The water runs continuous and there are some very wet saturated spots on Falcon's Field where they actually sink their mower when cutting the grass. Mayor Lucia asked Mr. Sevasky if he has noticed the flow of the creek that is near his home. Mr. Sevasky stated that the flow is slower than it had been previously. Mayor Lucia stated that he will speak to the gas company and have them address the situation.

Kathy Sevasky of St. Clair Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the flooding issues. She stated that her home is in the Township but she owns the lot beside her home and it is in the Borough. Mrs. Sevasky said when it rains the water flows down the Borough Street, down their driveway and into her basement. Mrs. Sevasky stated that since June 2017, anytime it rains her property looks like a lake. Mrs. Sevasky also stated that she is concerned about the unsafe condition of the road that is in front of their home and she is afraid there is going to be an accident.

**Speakers:** None

**Mayors Report:**

The Mayor stated that the flooding is a problem and there has to be solutions. Mayor Lucia stated he has seen flooding before; but, this is the worst that he has seen.

Councilman Rogacki asked if the new Borough Engineer has offered any solutions to the flooding problem. Borough Manager Landy stated that he spoke with them; and, asked that they come to the meeting this evening. They were unable to attend due to other commitments. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Engineer will be prepared to give a report in the middle of March. Councilman Cholock wanted more information as to what the report would entail. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Engineer has been asked to take all of the information that the EADS Group gathered in addition to his own gatherings and report on the flooding issue. Mr. Landy stated that the Engineer was the President of the Jacobs Creek Watershed Association. Mr. Landy stated that he believes that it is going to be found that there are not just one or two issues but multiple issues with the flooding. Borough Manager Landy stated that he feels one of the biggest issues with the flooding are the downspouts draining into sanitary lines causing too much water in these lines. Borough Manager Landy stated they need to enforce the downspout issues. Councilman Cholock asked who will be responsible for the enforcement. Borough Manager Landy stated that it will be through the Borough and Waste Water Treatment unless an outside agency is hired.

Councilman Rogacki stated that they need to also take a look at the water coming off of Falcon Field from the gas wells. Councilman Rogacki asked if there are holding tanks at Falcon Field for the gas wells since they have to be pumped off periodically. He stated that the holding tanks were to hold the water and then removed by the gas company. Mayor Lucia stated that the water at Falcon Field is a problem but that it has nothing to do with the storms. Mayor Lucia stated that Kriebel Gas needs to address this and give an answer as to why there is water on the field. Mayor Lucia stated that he has been pumping basements out for 42 years and that this has been the worst he has ever seen it. He stated that there were manhole lids that were lifted a foot in the air from the stormwater. Mayor Lucia asked Councilman Rogacki to have the waste water treatment employees look at the manhole on South Geary Street because there is a gap around it. Councilwoman Bailey stated that from the storms the cap came off and waste went in to the catch basins.

Councilwoman Barnes asked what does the Army Corp of Engineers do and if they are available to towns such as ours. Council President Caruso stated that a letter was sent to them; and, they replied stating that they do not do this.

Councilwoman Barnes also asked about NASA and with the satellites that they have, if they can view areas and their water problems from above. Mayor Lucia stated that a lot of it is underground piping which the Borough has in place. Mayor Lucia stated it is unknown what is happening underground and that the pipes are old.

Councilman Cholock asked if when Mount Pleasant Township permitted the pipe to be covered if it created the problems we now have. Mayor Lucia stated he met with them and that they were permitted by the Pennsylvania DEP to install a thirty (30") inch pipe. Mayor Lucia stated that they will be calling the Township in the next few days to set up a meeting with them. Mayor Lucia stated that there was another problem, a collapsed pipe at the bridge to the creek. Mayor Lucia stated that he was aware of this 3 months ago; and, that the Township was to repair it. He stated that there are steel plates on top of the ground and does not believe that it has been repaired as of yet. Mayor Lucia stated that this may be the problem with the flooding. Mayor Lucia stated that every house on Low Street was flooded because their storm water runs in to the creek; and, with the creek high, the waters had nowhere to go.

Jim Meredith stated that he worked years ago with Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company; and, that they would go in and camera the water lines and sewage lines. If they found any of the lines to be clogged, they had the equipment to dredge them and clean them out. Mr. Meredith asked if the Borough has considered this type of option. Mayor Lucia stated that this is a good idea and may be an avenue that they may have to go with. Mr. Meredith stated that the company is located in Canonsburg, PA.

Mayor Lucia stated that he met with Mayors from other Counties within our Congressional District today. They put together a resolution as to getting people out to vote. They do not want to see negative ads on television. They would like to see more debates or something between the candidates to give more insight as to what their platform is. Mayor Lucia said that the other Mayors were from Greene, Washington, Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of January 2018:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	131
Criminal Arrests	14
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	7
Parking Tickets Issued Parking Authority	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	29
Assist Other Departments	17
Accidents Investigated	5

#### Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	105.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$214.82
Restitution to Police Department	\$125.96
Fees for Police Reports	\$90.00
District Court	\$1129.37
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
 Total Revenue	 \$1665.15

Mayor Lucia stated as follows:

Parking meter repairs and collections are scheduled to start again as weather and time permits.

The new Ford Explorer has been lettered and up-fitted. It will need to have the radio, camera and computer system installed. It will then be ready for service.

The new portable radios have been programmed and are now in service.

The new barcode parking permits for Washington Street and College Avenue are working well. Courtesy notices had been posted to inform the residents of the permit requirements along with dates and times that they could pick up the permits. Ticketing has begun for those without permits.

The issue with the Allegheny County Medical Examiners Office has been resolved; and, they will continue to do the laboratory work for blood draws for drugs. Restitution will go to our Police Department instead of the PA State Police Crime Lab.

The Police Department will undergo a criminal history records audit in March through the Attorney Generals Office; and, an evidence audit between February and April. The Police Department will pass the audits. They are fully compliant at this point.

## Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik said that she prepared a draft Ordinance Amending the Borough's Police Pension Plan to add a Deferred Retirement Option (DROP) along with a Resolution reducing the penalty for snow and ice removal from "up to \$1,000.00" to "not more than \$200 plus costs".

## Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2018:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jan-18			Balance 2018
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	179,352.02	176,152.02	53,200.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	695,078.24	61,150.21	99,949.63	656,278.82
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	684,374.21	3,309.31	0.00	687,683.52
**Police		50,644.26			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		233,450.51			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		19,863.65			
**Frick Park Gas Well		31,176.19			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		13,503.76			
**Marcellus Impact					
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	24,029.88	90.00	572.08	23,547.80
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	51,613.00	50.10	6,927.05	44,736.05
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,806.36	0.07	0.00	1,806.43
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	675.32	59,400.95	59,400.95	675.32
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	6,966.84	0.00	0.00	6,966.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.83	0.02	0.00	614.85
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	1,031.05	0.00	872.05	159.00
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	417,914.50	264.49	0.00	418,178.99
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,108,593.38</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	18,467.33	56,196.91	4,101.89	70,562.35
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	138,767.02	1,023.74	0.00	139,790.76
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,892.59	0.26	0.00	5,892.85
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	5,650.39	0.71	0.00	5,651.10
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	18,187.29	0.00	0.00	18,187.29
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>221,897.06</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	461,211.19	124,407.70	101,528.15	484,090.74
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,926.16	30.73	0.00	180,956.89
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,005.49	20.22	0.00	119,025.71
**Contingency		111,555.88			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	110,305.70	17,850.00	6,915.25	121,240.45

<b>Total WWT Balance</b>	905,313.79
<b>Total Borough funds</b>	3,235,804.23
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary Sharon Lesko	

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked about the Standard Bank CD in the amount of \$200,000.00 and where monies came from. Borough Manager Landy stated that the CD gives an interest rate in the amount of 2.4%. This money was from the General Fund Sweep. The General Fund gave an interest rate of .025%.

Borough Manager Landy stated that they have purchased an additional CD in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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

Borough Manager Landy stated that he has been meeting with various banks. He stated the Borough is not making any money by just putting the monies in various checking and savings accounts. Mr. Landy stated he was able to capitalize on a CD rate of 2.4% that the banks were willing to offer compared to the .025% rates that we receive now. The CD's are short term for 3 years. Council President Caruso and Councilwoman Ruszkowski made the decision to transfer the monies into the CD.

Borough Manager Landy met with a gentleman from Dawood Engineers. Dawood Engineers is the company that Council approved to hire as the engineers with the turnback monies. Borough Manager Landy stated that he believes that some of the issues plaguing the Borough, especially near Frick Hospital with water; and, the Fire Departments apron that has caused some water issues, can be finally be resolved through the turnback monies. Borough Manager Landy stated that the project is to resurface S. Church Street to CVS and to resurface Bridgeport Street from Route 31 to the Borough's property line.

Borough Manager Landy stated that Westmoreland County has indicated that they are still waiting on Pennsylvania DEP regarding the Bridgeport Property. They have not heard anything different and that the timeline is still for the end of the month. Borough Manager Landy asked the County if the Borough could speak with their landscape architect and allow us to design the layout of the property when it is redeveloped. Borough Manager Landy stated there are a few people interested in leasing the property and one person interested in purchasing the property. Mr. Landy stated that purchasing property from the Borough requires the property to be put out for bids while leasing does not. This means that the Borough cannot sell the property to who they want, it must be open to bids and awarded to the highest bidder.

Borough Manager Landy gave an update on Medic 10. Mr. Landy stated they have reviewed the subscription form and it has been narrowed down to 4 panels. The form has been forwarded to Speclin, who does the billing for Medic 10, to put in language that will put Medic 10 in compliance for what they are billing. Borough Manager Landy stated that this should be finished in the next week.

Borough Manager Landy stated the he and Mayor Lucia met the new owners, Mid Penn, of Scottdale Bank. Mr. Landy stated that they would like to meet with the Borough to possibly offer CD's or low interest loans. Mr. Landy stated currently we used Scottdale Bank for the purchase of the last 2 Police cars.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he met with Fred McCloy several times regarding the Ordinances that he is working on. Mr. Landy stated he met several times with the Police Department. Borough Manager Landy stated the he and Mayor Lucia met with representatives of Levin's regarding the Levin property and the crosswalk in front of Levin's.

Borough Manager Landy stated he spoke with Republic Waste regarding electronics eWaste pickup and that they have to get approval from the State for the plan to pick up eWaste in the Borough.

Borough Manager Landy gave an update on the new Borough Secretary, Sharon Lesko, stating that things are coming along well. Borough Manager Landy stated that everyone agrees that training is very important for the new Secretary and that it is moving along fine.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the County of Westmoreland asked him to attend a meeting regarding their Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Landy said that the County would like a Comprehensive Plan for the whole County. Borough Manager Landy stated he has been part of the planning and has attended many meetings with them. Mr. Landy stated that they may choose to establish six (6) or seven (7) districts within the County. Borough Manager Landy stated that they would like the Borough of Mount Pleasant to head District 4, which is the lower part of the County. There will be additional information at a later date.

Borough Manager Landy stated that they have begun the G-Conference plans. The Borough of Mount Pleasant is a big part of this; and, we one of the founding members of the G-Conference. Borough Manager Landy stated that there will be a meeting held at the meeting room in the Fire Station on March 7, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Landy stated that a few of the topics that will be discussed are flooding, meter calibration, and code enforcement. Flooding will be a topic at the seminar. Invitations have been accepted by Jeannette, West Newton and Derry. Scottdale, one of the founding communities, disappointingly, has dropped out. Mr. Landy stated there will be 16 communities and there is nothing stronger than communities working together.

Borough Manager Landy stated that there will be a few changes to Concerts in the Park. Mr. Landy stated the concerts have not been what they wanted as far as attendance; and, that there would be no reason to spend the money with very little or no attendance. Borough Manager Landy stated they will probably do something different with activities in the gazebo area.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he has received a resignation from Shane Nickelson, Supervisor of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to Accept the Resignation of Shane Nickelson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to hold Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive session was held at 8:12pm and ended at 8:45pm regarding legal and personnel.

A Motion was made to Reconvene by Councilman Rogacki. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

At this time President Caruso authorized committee breakout sessions.

**President's Report:** None

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A Motion was made to Amend the Agenda by Councilman Rogacki to hold Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

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Executive session was held at 9:07pm and ended at 9:14pm regarding personnel.

A Motion was made to Reconvene by Councilman Rogacki. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Rogacki stated that general maintenance has been done at the Plant as well as call outs during the storm. Councilman Rogacki stated that there were some serious issues on Quarry Street. Councilman Rogacki stated that there is a house that is continuously being flooded. Councilman Rogacki has asked Andy Zelinsky to address the issues with the Engineers to try and get them resolved. Mayor Lucia asked if the homeowner has a backflow installed. Councilman Rogacki stated that the homeowner does have the backflow installed; and, that it is not sewage backing up, it is coming from outside.

Councilman Rogacki stated there was some slight damage from the flooding but it was very minimal.

Councilman Rogacki stated that there was an issue on Quarry Street with the meter not working properly. He stated that Gibson Thomas Engineering Company has been contacted to rectify the issue with the meter. Councilman Rogacki stated that Terry Pocratsky of East Huntingdon Township has been notified and made aware that there is no longer any overflow going into their system.

Borough Manager Landy stated that there is property on S. Church Street that Excela Health wants to purchase and install a parking lot. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough Ordinance requires a dye test on a purchase within the Borough. Excela Health has asked the Borough to waive the dye test since the structure will be demolished and a parking lot installed. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough will send a letter to Excela Health, that they must agree and sign, stating the Borough will waive the dye test with the condition that a parking lot be installed; and, should a structure be built instead they will need to comply with all conditions of the Borough Ordinance.

### **Streets Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to Add Bridgeport Street to the Dawood Engineers 2018 Preliminary Survey and Design Roadway Repaving Project at an estimated cost not to exceed \$24,009.00 plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$250.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of January 2018:

Total Calls – 49  
10-45's – 13  
Entrapment calls – 1  
Fires – 17  
Automatic Fire Alarm's (AFA's) – 9  
Public Service Calls – 9  
Turnpike calls – 2  
Total members answering – 773  
Average member per call – 15  
Total staff hours – 423

### **Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Resolution 2018-04 reducing the penalty for snow and ice removal from “up to \$1,000.00” to “not more than \$200.00 plus costs”. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise the Ordinance Amending the Borough’s Police Pension Plan to Add a Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:** None

### **Parks & Recreation:** None

### **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilwoman Barnes stated that she has spoken to a Ms. Panichelle who is hosting a Vietnam Veteran’s Reunion and would like to bring a group of veterans to Veteran’s Park on June 2, 2018 and have a small program with music at the digital wall.

Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a Permit that is required to be completed for the Gazebo area. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar deposit that is required. The deposit is held by the Borough until after the event; and, returned in full to the Permittee once the area has been inspected and in good standing.

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

Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that the Borough has received the Worker’s Compensation & Municipal Liability Renewal Proposal from Higbee Insurance. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that the proposal has increased by approximately Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars from last year’s rate. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that Higbee Insurance is working on two (2) possible optional quotes which they should have in the next day or two. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that the total cost of the two (2) premium proposals together are \$77,485.00. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that the renewal is due by March 1, 2018. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that since renewal is due by March 1, 2018 the Borough will have to renew the year with Higbee Insurance.

Borough Manager Landy stated that last year the Worker’s Compensation & Municipal Liability from Higbee Insurance was in the Fifty (\$50,000.00) Dollars range. Mayor Lucia asked why the drastic increase. Borough Manager Landy stated that there have been several accidents, people that are Workman’s Comp, surgeries, and the State increased the MOD, which is the number that is attached to the payroll, which payroll has increased.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzkowski to approve sending Councilwoman Bailey to the Annual PSAB Spring Conference in Hershey, PA at a cost of \$923.67 which includes registration, lodging and turnpike tolls. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Property Report:**

Councilman Rogacki stated that he has received a bid from Jaime Kunkle for renovations to the former Dentist’s Office on the first floor in the area that the Borough Police will be acquiring. Councilman Rogacki stated that there are two (2) bids. One in the amount of One Thousand Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars and one in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars. Councilman Rogacki stated that the bid in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars will include removal of wallpaper, spray walls with mold killer, wipe down the walls, primer and paint the walls, and, replace damaged and water stained ceiling tile. It does not include any carpeting should it need to be removed. The second bid in the amount of One Thousand Fifty (\$1,050.00) Dollars would include removal of plywood, open a passage way to the Police Station, electrical, removal of sinks, capping drains and waterlines and any

openings, structure of a wall to divide the room from the former Dentist's Office, and adding electrical outlets and light switches in the new room.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to Accept the Bid from Jaime Kunkle for renovations to the former Dentist's Office on the first floor for the Police Room in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars of the Municipal Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Accept the Bid from Jaime Kunkle for renovations to the former Dentist's Office on the first floor for the Police Room in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Storm Water Management:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be having their Annual Banquet on Friday, April 27, 2018 in the Crystal Room, Ferrantes Lakeview, Greensburg, PA. Cash bar at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations due by April 19, 2018.
- Jacobs Creek Watershed Association will be holding a preliminary design meeting. It is a public meeting and open house on February 21, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bullskin Historical Society.
- PA's Laurel Highlands will be having tourism groups offering 3 night/3 day getaway packages. One of the packages they are offering is called Honoring Our Heroes and will include coming to Mount Pleasant and visiting Mount Pleasant Veteran's Park.
- Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety is offering an Elected Officials & Public Safety Seminar on March 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Westmoreland County Community College, 145 Pavilion Lane, Commissioners Hall 2112, Youngwood, PA. There is no cost to attend. Presenters will include Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Public Safety Training Center, Salvation Army, County Public Safety and Local Officials.
- Representative Justin Walsh will be holding a Pennsylvania State Update on February 22, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Rostraver District Office. This will include discussion of state-related issues and questions and answer anyone may have. There will be an additional one held on March 8, 2018 at the Mount Pleasant Fireman's Club.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:01 p.m.**

## **Motions from Meeting of February 19, 2018**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to Accept the Resignation of Shane Nickelson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made to Amend the Agenda by Councilman Rogacki to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made to Reconvene by Councilman Rogacki. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to Add Bridgeport Street to the Dawood Engineers 2018 Preliminary Survey and Design Roadway Repaving Project at an estimated cost not to exceed \$24,009.00 plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$250.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Resolution 2018-04 reducing the penalty for snow and ice removal from "up to \$1,000.00" to "not more than \$200.00 plus costs". Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise the Ordinance Amending the Borough's Police Pension Plan to Add a Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to Accept the Bid from Jaime Kunkle for renovations to the former Dentist's Office on the first floor for the Police Room in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars of the Municipal Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

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