

Meeting February 20, 2017

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:11pm 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, Stevenson and Ruskowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak arrived at 7:16pm. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held before this meeting from 6:35pm to 7:11pm to discuss personnel and contracts.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jan-17			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursemnt	2017
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	60,085.00	124,617.42	134,702.42	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	788,348.36	46,553.20	73,623.62	761,277.94
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	665,119.67	112.99	0.00	665,232.66
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		230,645.76			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP1 Gas Well		12,483.85			
**BOMP2 Gas Well		4,762.23			
**Frick Park Gas Well		30,600.76			
**Levins		970.06			
**Surveillance Cameras		160.00			
**Early Warning Siren					
Grant		1,300.00			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		12,772.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13		14,265.02			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 7000126	36,397.80	80.00	10,934.04	25,543.76
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	21,778.92	0.00	15,123.22	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	42,978.34	13.80	11,099.40	31,892.74
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.45	0.08	0.00	1,805.53
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	676.22	48,682.29	48,682.29	676.22
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	3,921.62	300.00	0.00	4,221.62
	Standard Bank				
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	614.52	0.03	0.00	614.55
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
	Standard Bank				
Police Grants	0010151752	2,150.00	30.00	0.00	2,180.00
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	0.00	415,965.59	0.00	415,965.59
Total General Fund Balance					1,974,156.37
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	104,442.41	34,159.76	66,202.09	72,400.08
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	151,490.86	1,025.89	0.00	152,516.75

Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,889.65	0.26	0.00	5,889.91
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,741.70	0.00	0.00	4,741.70
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					235,548.44
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	260,866.12	82,838.59	102,484.64	241,220.07
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,564.66	30.68	0.00	180,595.34
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,767.72	20.18	0.00	118,787.90
**Contingency		111,328.57			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	87,007.58	17,653.86	6,915.25	97,746.19
Total WWT Balance					638,349.50
Total Borough funds					2,848,054.31

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of January 2017:

Mount Pleasant Police Dept Report for the month of January 2017

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	111
Criminal Arrests	9
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	18
Parking Tickets Issued Parking Authority	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	19
Assist Other Departments	14
Accidents Investigated	6

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$50.00
Fence Permits	\$30.00
Clerk of Courts	\$70.29
Restitution to Police Department	\$45.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$45.00
District Court	\$1,295.94
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,375.94

Mayor Lucia reported that Meegan Ford donated a 2011 Ford Crown Vic to the Mount Pleasant Police Department. Chief Sam has ordered interior lighting and a siren to be installed as soon as possible. The vehicle will be used as a backup vehicle and for the Police Chief to attend meetings etc.

Mayor Lucia said that the Borough is still in need of a substitute Crossing Guard.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy spoke about the Safety Committee and new signs printed to keep track of days without safety incidents. The departments would be rewarded for best results. Another program called "Above and Beyond" will reward departments that go above and beyond what their duties require. The supervisors and Borough Manager will decide who is deserving.

Mr. Landy said that the Turn Back Agreement with Penn Dot needs to be filed at the Westmoreland County Courthouse at the Recorder of Deeds. There is a problem between Penn Dot and the Recorder's Office and Penn Dot is working to resolve the issue.

Borough Manager Landy spoke about meetings with the Laurel Valley Connector regarding a connecting road that will go from the Arnold Palmer Airport to Carpentertown past Carpentertown to the crossroads at Route 819. When that happens anyone who comes off of the Turnpike at Carpentertown can make a right turn at the crossroads and come through Mount Pleasant. That means more truck traffic etc. This is in addition to the truck traffic from the deep mine in Donegal Township. Borough Manager Landy stated that this will be a top issue for the Borough in the next two years and Council has to work together to try to find a solution through inspections or ordinances. During an update on the 2017 Main Street Project Penn Dot said that the project is set to be completed in August 2018 and they will be doing storm water from CoGo's to Shupes Run.

Mr. Landy said that a business on Main Street called and said that Columbia Gas is blocking businesses for two days at a time during their construction on Main Street. Borough Manager Landy said that he spoke to Columbia Gas regarding this issue.

Mayor Lucia continued his Police Report. Officer Nathan Ellwood will be certified in firearms and will then be able to assist Chief Sam in training the other officers. The Police Department will attend training on the breathalyzer during the week of March 27, 2017. Police Chief Sam is training Ira Bennett to assist in collection and repair of parking meters and will be paid \$2 for each meter he repairs. The funds to pay Mr. Bennett will come from the Police Parking Ticket and Meter Account.

Mayor Lucia said that he will address the problem of pavement patching on Main Street with MAWC officials. MAWC personnel are not compacting the patches and it does not meet proper standards.

Council discussed whether to repair the police vehicle that needs a head gasket. The cost to fix it is high, but the rest of the vehicle which includes the lettering, police upfit etc. is still in good shape and may make it more cost efficient to fix.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that the agreement for the head of the Doughboy with Leo's Grille 31 is ok to sign and simply states that Leo's can display the head as long as they're in business, but it will come back to the Borough if the restaurant closes.

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

Executive Session 7:40 to 8:04pm

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

President Caruso said that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel and contracts.

President's Report:

President Caruso announced a breakout session for committees to meet. The breakout session was from 8:05 to 8:29pm.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Rogacki said that the Borough has received the \$50,000 requested from the Mount Pleasant Municipal Building to be used for the bar screen.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to purchase a 2017 RAM 2500 Regular Cab Truck from Tri Star Motors, a Costars dealer at a cost of \$35,410. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the rear end fell out of one of the Street Department dump trucks and needed repaired at a cost of approximately \$2,850.00 for parts.

Councilwoman Bailey said that during the last snow event on February 8-9 the Street Department did an excellent job and were complimented by a number of residents.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Streets Committee had a meeting to discuss which streets to tar and chip and which to pave in 2017.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Street Department is need of new equipment and there are no grants available. The Committee will do some research to determine the best vehicle to purchase.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to sign a one-year agreement with Sable Kennels for animal control at a cost of \$100 per month. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Councilman McCloy is researching an ordinance covering cell towers.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that her committee is looking into what can be done with the heavy truck traffic coming into the Borough. There is no way to restrict trucks because it is a state highway. The Borough can enact ordinances governing tarping and impact fees.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that her committee and Borough Manager Landy are redoing the Landlord Ordinance. A meeting was held with several members of the Landlord Association for their input.

Community & Economic Development/Grants: None

Parks & Recreation/Veterans Park:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to accept the bid from Raffle Construction for the Frick Park Bollard Project in the amount of \$45,700 + \$1,972 to add LED lights for a total of \$47,672. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy said that the \$1,972 will be paid from the General Fund and not from the CDBG Grant money.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve sending Councilwoman Bailey to the Annual PSAB Spring Conference in Hershey PA at a cost of \$889.37 which includes registration, three nights lodging and turnpike fees. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay BCS Construction \$15,737.86 for the final payment of Penn Park construction. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki said that The Uber Company has completed the installation of the furnace and air conditioner on the second floor and payment will be sent.

Councilman Rogacki said that his committee is moving forward on the electrical issues at the Municipal Building. He has only received one quote so far and will have more info at the next meeting. Councilman

Rogacki said he will also have more information of the bullet-proof door project on the third floor of the Municipal Building at the next meeting.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the G14 Conference will hold a planning meeting in Mount Pleasant on February 28, 2017.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Community mural meeting March 8, 2017 at the Shop Demo Depot location.
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Annual Banquet will be held on April 28, 2017 at Lakeview beginning at 6pm.
- Whiskey Tasting with Lou Brison Friday February 17th at the West Overton Museum.

New Business: None

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned

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