

Meeting March 19, 2018

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:16pm 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, McCloy, Rogacki, Ruskowski, and Yatsko. Mayor Lucia was absent. Solicitor Istik was present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilwoman Ruskowski left the meeting at 8:11pm

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of March 5, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment:

- Allison Riddle of 116 Magnolia Drive, Norvelt, Pennsylvania, a Senior at Mount Pleasant Area Jr. – Sr. High School. Ms. Riddle spoke to Council regarding holding a fundraiser for Dominic Giallonardo and Brady Hunker, two (2) students of the Mount Pleasant Area School District, who have been diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma that had gone into remission and both have now relapsed with the disease. Ms. Riddle will be holding a “Super Bingo Fundraiser” at the Mount Pleasant Fireman’s Club on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. Ms. Riddle would like Mayor Lucia to be the honorary bingo caller for the day. Ms. Riddle stated that they have received at this point over \$6,000.00 from local businesses, personal donations and individual sponsors.

Speakers: None.

Mayor’s Report:

Council President Caruso read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of February 2018:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	149
Criminal Arrests	19
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	41
Parking Tickets Issued Parking Authority	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	36
Assist Other Departments	18
Accidents Investigated	3

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$166.00
Parking Permits	\$240.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$161.61
Restitution to Police Department	\$160.06
Fees for Police Reports	\$30.00
District Court	\$1720.53
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$2478.20

Council President Caruso stated as follows:

- Some parking meters have been repaired. More will be done as time and weather permits.

- There will be a special safety meeting at the Sr. High School Administration Building on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. The Mayor, Chief and Public Safety members are requested to attend. The meeting will address safety concerns and resolutions for each of the schools in the district.
- There are two (2) update classes to be completed this year by the Chief:
 - a. Commercial Vehicle Safety Certification with PA State Police. It is a three (3) week class held in Harrisburg in June. Registrations for the classes must be made by March 30, 2018.
 - b. Weights and Measures for calibration of parking meters. This class is held in Harrisburg and other locations. Additional information will be forthcoming to the Chief from the State.
- Surveillance cameras will be finished by the end of May. The camera systems will cover Veteran's Park and Frick Park with direct links to the Police Department. There will also be a connection to the Police cars.
- The audit of evidence has begun and at this time everything is in order. The entire process should take about three (3) months to complete.
- The addition remodeling project in the Police Station should be completed by the first week of April. Painting has started and the security cameras are being moved. Shop Demo Depot has donated shelves and tables to be used for evidence and the breathalyzer calibration station and supplies.
- All Officers will complete mandatory State update training beginning in April. The classes are 24 credit hours; and, must be completed to retain Police Certification. All Officers will complete firearms training this year in two (2) separate phases: first phase will be in May; and, second phase in September. These are mandatory training events.

Councilman Rogacki asked Police Chief Sam if there are surveillance cameras at the Street Department Borough Building. Chief Sam stated that there are not cameras at this time.

Councilwoman Bailey asked if the Commercial Vehicle Safety Certification class is to be able to do the inspections of the tractor trailers and triaxle trucks that come through Mount Pleasant if they are stopped. Chief Sam stated yes, it is. Chief Sam also stated that the State pays for the class; but, the Borough will pay for traveling costs and expenses. Borough Manager Landy asked if the Borough receives the money from citing the trucks. Chief Sam stated that the Borough does receive monies from any citations issued.

Chief Sam stated that the Commercial Vehicle Safety Certification is limited to 25 applicants and would need to send in the application as soon as possible. Chief Sam stated the class is in June 2018.

Chief Sam stated that there are three (3) Officers leaving the Borough.

Mayor Lucia, since he could not be at the meeting, asked Borough Manager Landy to read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of March as Neuromyelitis Optica Awareness Month.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report was discussed during Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Mar-18			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2018
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	53,200.00	205,863.27	207,091.27	51,972.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	656,278.82	58,003.96	123,674.48	590,608.30
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	687,683.52	105.07	3,556.00	684,232.59
**Police	47,088.26				
**Streets	140,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	233,555.58				
**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	Scottsdale Bank 1026616	23,547.80	406.00	572.08	23,381.72
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912- 6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126 Standard Bank	44,736.05	39.56	8,476.64	36,298.97
Monument CD	327085 Standard Bank	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,806.43	0.07	0.00	1,806.50
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415 Somerset Trust Co	675.32	54,989.70	54,989.70	675.32
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309 Standard Bank	6,966.84	100.00	0.00	7,066.84
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	614.85	0.03	0.00	614.88
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888- 4556 Standard Bank	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
Police Grants	0010151752 PNC Bank 10-7766- 4491	159.00	5.00	5.00	159.00
Turn Back Account	Standard Bank	418,178.99	224.56	0.00	418,403.55
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
Total General Fund Balance					2,079,965.43
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	70,562.35	49,048.56	47,949.66	71,661.25
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	139,790.76	1,021.60	0.00	140,812.36
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516- 8804	5,892.85	0.23	0.00	5,893.08
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	5,651.10	0.00	0.00	5,651.10
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,187.29	36.49	0.00	18,223.78
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	5,000.00	0.00		5,000.00
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					247,241.57
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	484,090.74	485.11	51,872.58	432,703.27
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,956.89	27.77	0.00	180,984.66
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,025.71	18.26	0.00	119,043.97
**Contingency	111,574.15				
**Infrastructure	7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	121,240.45	1,109.66	0.00	122,350.11
Total WWT Balance					855,082.01
Total Borough funds					3,182,289.01

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- He spoke with Mike Barrick who is in charge of looking at stormwater issues in the Borough. He will have a report at the next meeting of his findings.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Rogacki held interviews today for the Waste Water Treatment position.
- Borough Manager Landy stated he attended the Westmoreland County's Brownfield Board Meeting.
- In addition to the previous approval from the Pennsylvania DEP of the Levin / Bridgeport Property that we have already received, the Engineers stated that there will be an additional letter that will come from PA DEP. While waiting for the letter from the PA DEP, the County will put together and pay for a plan and subdivision of the property.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he attended a CDBG Meeting. CDBG changed the previous grant taking back some of the monies, in turn they gave additional monies. Mr. Landy stated that we should receive approximately \$68,000 toward the basketball court which will solve the water issues and pay for installing lines, paving, painting and sealing.
- Borough Manager Landy stated he attended the Redevelopment Authority Meeting. Mr. Landy stated that Westmoreland County is looking for a Brownfield since they have received a new grant and petroleum sites to do testing. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a new program called Accessible Housing Program to help install ramps for handicap individuals who needs the help.
- Borough Manager Landy stated the he is working on a grant along with Councilwoman Stevenson and Councilwoman Bailey, with the Westmoreland County Community Trust, to do some upgrading on Main Street.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that they held a Managers Meeting. Mr. Landy said that they created a list of priorities for each department that they will be working on.
- Borough Manager Landy stated he had a meeting with Mid Penn / Scottdale Bank and they are willing to help with the redevelopment of the Bridgeport Property by loaning monies to building on leased property.
- Borough Manager Landy met with the Business District Authority regarding co-op grants with the Borough. Mr. Landy stated that the BDA will be changing their meeting dates from Wednesday to Tuesdays at noon.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that they held the final interviews for the Street Department.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that the paper work with the United States Steel Workers will need to be sent in regarding contract negotiations for the Street Department.

- Borough Manager Landy and Police Chief Doug Sam spoke with a company called Passport. They do apps for ticketing, citation management and payments for parking meters. Borough Manager Landy stated that the costs are substantial.

President's Report:

Council President Caruso said that Kathleen Ceroni from the Mount Pleasant Library stated that the new by-laws for the Library does not include having a Council member on the Board. Council President Caruso stated that Borough Manager Landy will be on the Library Board as a member to represent the Borough since he is already the alternate anyway.

Executive Session was held at 6:30pm and ended at 7:10pm regarding legal and personnel issues.

At this time President Caruso authorized committee breakout sessions.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to approve Drnach Environmental to perform quarterly calibrations for the ISCO Signature Meter. Motion seconded by Councilman Yatsko. Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve Drnach Environmental to perform quarterly calibrations for the ISCO Signature Meter located at the Quarry Street Pumping Station at \$300.00 per calibration and \$50.00 per month for real time access to data and flow conditions. Motion seconded by Councilman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Rogacki gave the following WWT Report for the month of March 2018:

- Cameraed the storm line on St. Clair Street for the Street Department
- Met with East Huntingdon Township regarding the overflow at Quarry Street.
- Looked at the alley on Smithfield Street to extend the sewer line.
- Met with Eric from Drnach Environmental to calibrate the flow meter at the Quarry Street Pump Station.
- Began pulling lids on the West side of town to check for infiltration to our sewage lines.
- PA One Calls – 50
- Emergency One Calls – 9
- Home Inspections - 6

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Waste Water Treatment Plant cameraed the lines from the bottom up to approximately 75' at St. Clair Street for the Street Department. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the bottom part of the line is concrete and is in excellent condition. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the top portion where the storm drain is located, it is a "tin-whistle" pipe and it will need to be removed so they can camera the top portion to determine the necessary action if need be. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they may have to tear up residents' driveways on St. Clair Street pending the outcome of what is found with the storm drain once cameraing is completed.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that Jim Pillsbury from Westmoreland Conservation District recommended the corrective actions for St. Clair Street.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that they will be installing two (2) catch basins.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that they would replace the asphalt driveways on St. Clair Street if need be and they will only replace what is torn up and not the whole driveway.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she has received bids for the replacement of a concrete driveway on St. Clair Street if need be.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she has a list of streets for paving and a list for tar and chipping. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she has \$100,000.00 for paving and tar and chipping. Councilwoman Bailey said she will have Rick Skovensky from Penn DOT come in and give a preliminary costs analysis for the paving and tar and chipping.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Rogacki stated that they have received a bid of \$500.00 for the wrecked trailblazer and an estimate in the amount of \$3,343.24 for the repair of the 2010 Ford Explorer Police Car for Medic 10 to use.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the public should be receiving the subscription/donation brochures in the mail. Borough Manager Landy stated that by subscribing/donating and becoming a member will save them money should they need ambulance service by Medic 10.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to Adopt Ordinance No. 651 Amending the Borough's Police Pension Plan to Add a Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to Adopt Ordinance No. 652 for the Wireless Communications Facilities. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that they are applying for a grant through Westmoreland County Community Trust for aluminum sleeves and bases on the meters, planters and pipe music through town.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that Connellsville Township has agreed to excavate Frick Park to install the playground equipment.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she has received the schedule for the MPIAA Softball schedule for Spring and Summer.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes stated that they have made calls to Armstrong Cable, ITS Enclosures, and Industry Weapons and have scheduled a meeting with their representatives on Thursday, March 22, 2018 to discuss why the digital wall does not function properly. It will be held at Hayden's Shoppes on Main Street in the Mount Pleasant Room at 10:00 am.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman McCloy to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to hire Rocky Anderson pending the passing of a drug test and physical as a full-time crew worker for the Street Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

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Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki stated that they will be meeting with the contractor on Tuesday morning to see if there are any additional issues and/or construction that may be needed on the Police Department addition remodeling. Councilman Rogacki stated that the walls have all been prepared, mold removed and mold guard sprayed. Mr. Rogacki stated that they will need to decide whether they will want to paint or wallpaper.

Police Chief Sam stated that all trim has been completed, phone, camera, and internet lines have all been set up. Paint should be completed this weekend. Chief Sam stated that there was a water leak that has been repaired.

Councilman Rogacki stated that the project should be completed within the next week or two.

Councilman Rogacki stated that the only issues outstanding with the municipal building is some wiring to be looked at and the generator moved.

Borough Manager Landy stated that there needs to be a review done of any property, equipment purchased or sold by the Borough for our insurance. Industrial Appraisal will do an appraisal adjustment.

Storm Water Management Report:

Councilman Yatsko stated that Councilwoman Bailey has filled him in on the St. Clair Street issues.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Mount Pleasant Library will be hosting an AARP Smart Driver Classes on May 12, 2018 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.
- Received correspondence from Jennifer Whetsel stating that she hit potholes on Eagle Street and South Church Street on 3/7/18 that caused tire damage. Borough Manager Landy stated he met with Ms. Whetsel's husband; and, it will be turned over to the Borough's insurance.
- Westmoreland County Borough's Association will be having their dinner and meeting on March 22, 2018 at 7:00pm regarding the West Nile Virus Program.
- PA Rural Water will be holding a training class on May 22, 2018 at the Bedford Township Municipal Authority, Bedford, PA and on May 23, 2018 at Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.
- Dr. Gregory Wilson from 633 W. Main Street, Mount Pleasant requested a parking space be added on Main Street in front of his office. Police Chief Sam stated that a space could be added.
- Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Keep America Beautiful Affiliate is offering a program for cleanup.

- Omega Rail Management has requested information on infrastructure that goes underneath the railroad tracks. Waste Water Treatment has information and marked on a map where the sewage lines are. Street Department will need to determine if there are any stormwater lines within the easement of the railroad.
- Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit (PAAV Summit) Training – Building the Future of Transportation, will be held on April 9 – 10, 2018.
- PATH (PA Training Hub) – Municipalities Planning Code Refresher – Seminar – April 18, 2018 6:00pm – 9:00 pm at the Ramada Hotel, Greensburg, PA. Fee: \$50.00.
- PATH – Duties of the Planning Commission Seminar – May 10, 2018, 6:00pm – 9:00pm Courtyard by Marriott, 1800 Tanger Boulevard, Washington, PA. Fee: \$50.00.
- PATH – Developing and Managing Your Municipal Budget – May 16, 2018 – 9:00am – 4:00pm, Hilton Garden Inn Indiana at IUP, 714 Pratt Drive, Indiana PA 15705, Fee: \$80.00.
- The Union Mission will be hosting two (2) special events.
 1. Lunchapalooza held at Denunzio’s Italian Restaurant at Latrobe Airport, May 24, 2018 from 11:45am to 1:00pm.
 2. Bingo Fundraiser held at West Point Fire Hall, 100 Volunteer Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601, Sunday, April 15, 2018 – Doors Open 11:45am, Lunch 12:00, Bingo starts 1:00pm. \$25.00 Admission.
- Received correspondence from Johanna Kraisinger regarding junk cars located at 108 Quarry Street.
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) – Braddock Trail Chapter, 200 S. Church Street, Mount Pleasant, PA will be holding its 1st Spring Basket Bazaar fundraiser on Saturday, May 5, 2018. They are asking for donations.
- Mount Pleasant Library along with Reunion Presbyterian Church and Mandi Lynn’s Café will be hosting Death Café on April 17, 2018 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Mandi Lynn’s Café.
- The Historical Society has sponsored the Community Picnic the last several years. They have decided that they will not be sponsoring a Community Picnic this year. There is no Community Picnic scheduled for this year.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Yatsko. Motion carried 5-0.

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Motions from Meeting of March 19, 2018

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