

Meeting March 20, 2017

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:03pm 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, Pritts, Rogacki, Stevenson and Ruszkowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the follow Police Report for the month of February 2017:

Mount Pleasant Police Dept Report for the month of February 2017

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	126
Criminal Arrests	11
DUI Arrests	5
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	14
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	23
Assist Other Departments	12
Accidents Investigated	6

Income

Parking Meters	\$2,540.74
Parking Tickets	\$57.00
Parking Permits	\$60.00
Fence Permits	\$24.00
Clerk of Courts	\$192.40
Restitution to Police Department	\$40.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$90.00
District Court	\$937.08
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$3,941.22

- 2013 Ford Taurus still at C Harper.
- Megan Ford requested a spec list for a new vehicle to work up a price for new Explorer.
- Older Ford Explorer has been repaired at no cost to the Borough
- Remodeling project for the new breathalyzer room is 80% complete.
- Replaced broken light fixtures in police station with LED lighting at a total cost of \$299
- 115 meters have been repaired.
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A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hire Cody Ward as a Part-Time Policeman with a pay scale of \$12 - \$14 per hour depending on hours worked. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Lucia swore in Police Officer Cody Ward to the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department.

Borough Manager Landy said that Borough Police Officer Nathan Ellwood was commended by a resident who he helped when her car was locked and her son was still inside the vehicle. The woman

stated that Officer Ellwood was very helpful and stayed with her until help arrived and her son was out of the car. He also gave the child a small toy that our Police Department has on hand.

Mayor Lucia stated that the 2017 Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year on April 9, 2017 at Central Fire Station beginning at 2pm.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that the company who wants to put a wireless tower/utility pole in the Borough will need an answer from Council by the middle of April. Borough Manager Landy said that the location of the tower would most likely be outside the parking lot of Frick Park on a grassy area near Reservoir Street owned by the Borough. The revenue for the Borough for this tower would depend on whether the Borough rents the tower or owns the tower. Rental would be approximately \$750 per month or \$9,000. If the Borough owns the tower the revenue would be approximately \$11,000 per year. Connellsville and Youngwood have towers in their municipalities. It has been suggested that municipalities from the G14 Conference get together and develop an ordinance that can be used by everyone and set a standard rental fee etc. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that she is against the tower at the suggested location. Borough Manager Landy stated that whether Council approves this tower or not, an ordinance is necessary as soon as possible. The location for the tower is not governed by the airport ordinance. Council agreed that Solicitor Liptak should move forward drafting an ordinance for these towers.

Solicitor Liptak said that she has completed the contract for Raffle Construction and the Frick Park Bollard Project and was able to secure the Medic 10 non-profit documents.

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Councilwoman Barnes and Councilman Rogacki met with Raffle Construction and payment terms were discussed along with the area around the walking track that will be affected during construction. Mr. Raffle said that the walking track will still be usable during construction other than a half day or a couple of hours that it would be blocked. The completion date was negotiated to 90 days from the day Raffle Construction signs the contract.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2017:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Feb-17			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursement	Bal 2017
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	233,258.20	233,258.20	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	761,277.94	84,188.31	127,901.88	717,564.37
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	665,232.66	102.07	0.00	665,334.73
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		230,747.83			
**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	25,543.76	0.00	296.52	25,247.24
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	31,892.74	11.18	0.00	31,903.92
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.53	0.07	0.00	1,805.60
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	676.22	49,400.55	49,400.55	676.22
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	4,221.62	0.00	0.00	4,221.62
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.55	0.02	0.00	614.57
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	2,180.00	0.00	0.00	2,180.00
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	415,965.59	111.69	0.00	416,077.28
Total General Fund Balance					1,930,371.31
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	72,400.08	42,703.96	105,654.66	9,449.38
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	152,516.75	1,023.55	0.00	153,540.30
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,889.91	0.22	0.00	5,890.13
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,741.70	0.00	0.00	4,741.70
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					173,621.51
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	241,220.07	53,448.26	93,007.61	201,660.72
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,595.34	27.71	0.00	180,623.05
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,787.90	18.22	0.00	118,806.12
**Contingency		111,346.79			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	97,746.19	988.56	6,915.25	91,819.50
Total WWT Balance					592,909.39
Total Borough funds					2,696,902.21

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Worked with Code Enforcement Officer Ira Bennett on various issues.
- The bank that owns the house and garage on property next to Gallagher's Pub on Quarry Street has agreed to demolish the buildings.
- Meetings were held regarding water and sewage issues on Geary Street.
- King's Electric will start on the project at the Municipal Building at the end of next week after the contract has been signed.
- Councilwoman Barnes requested a review of line item #450.16, Park Improvements. All monies spent on Penn Park have been removed from the line item and the balance will return to zero beginning with the next Budget Vs. Actual Report. The Penn Park expenses have been moved to #460.07, Penn Park/Storage Building.
- McClure & Wolf has sent the management letter to be signed by borough officials for the audit. A preliminary audit report has been submitted to DCED.

President's Report:

President Caruso requested an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski for a 15 minute Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

Executive Session 7:50pm to 8:05pm

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to reconvene the council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

President Caruso called for a breakout session for committees to meet.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve payment by the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority to MAWC for the Main Street Project in the amount of \$8,668.75. Payment has been approved by Gibson Thomas Engineers. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Borough Manager Landy reported that there was a break in at the WWT Plant over the weekend. 911 was notified and the Mount Pleasant Police Department as well as the State Police responded to the call and have started an investigation. Police Chief Sam said that the WWT Plant should have two more cameras installed. The security system failed to notify WWT Plant Superintendent of the break in and a new box will be installed and tested monthly.

Streets Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to advertise for bids to pave Eagle Street, W. Walnut Street, Joseph Street and the east side of N. Hitchman Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilwoman Bailey said that paving these streets would use all of the paving budgeted in Liquid Fuels and if there is an over-run, those funds would have to come from the General Fund. Any tar and chipping will have to come out of the Contingency Line Item in Budgetary Reserve.

Council discussed possible ways to solve the water problem on the Eagle Street sidewalk.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department will be purchasing a tri-axle load of paving material from Unique Paving outside of Somerset PA.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Mount Pleasant Police Department will be working on the parking meters in town to assure that they are consistent and offer the same amount of time for the same amount of money.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of February 2017:

- Total Calls - 41
- 10-45's - 13
- Fires - 11
- AFA's - 9
- Public Service - 9
- Standy's - 1
- Turnpike Calls - 3
- Total Members Answering - 755
- Average Member Per Call - 18
- Total Staff Hours – 708

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is reaching out to other municipalities regarding any ordinances governing safety inspections for trucks going through town. Councilwoman Stevenson said that according to Police Chief Sam as long as we have someone who is certified and trained to do safety inspections we do not need to have an ordinance, simply follow the law. Councilwoman Stevenson said that it was discussed using the Street Department location on Kennedy to do the inspections. The trucks could be pulled off Main Street onto Kennedy Avenue and up into the Street Department. Some sort of turn-around will need to be made so that the trucks can get back to Main Street. The weight restriction would also have to be lifted on Kennedy Avenue.

A tentative meeting was set up with the Landlord Association and the Ordinance Committee on March 29, 2017 at 6pm.

Community & Economic Development Report: None

Parks & Recreation/Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes said that there will be a preconstruction meeting regarding the Frick Park Bollard Project on March 21, 2017 at 2pm.

Councilwoman Barnes said that there will be a meeting of the Westmoreland County Parks & Recreation Alliance in Harrison City at 12pm and anyone is welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Barnes said that she and Councilman Rogacki along with Harriet Wilson went to the Street Department to see what park equipment was there. There is a swing set that will need to be laid out and inspected to see if it is useable and might be able to be installed at Willow Park. There were other pieces of equipment that may be salvageable.

Councilwoman Barnes said that any sports leagues that want to use Borough facilities need to submit their schedule.

Borough Manager Landy said that Westmoreland County Representatives are still reviewing the Borough's request for CDBG Funds to be used for lights at Veterans Park.

Mayor Lucia asked Councilwoman Barnes to look at the trees at Frick Park that are near Caruso Funeral Home Parking lot. There are a lot of dead branches and those trees need to be cut back.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made to hire John Tyrell of Mount Pleasant to the position of Full-Time Street Department worker. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0. Councilman Cholock abstained.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that she spoke with Councilwoman Barnes about the Veterans Park Committee selling the remaining Christmas ornaments. The Borough could recoup the cost and anything over the cost could be used for Veterans Park. Council agreed to the proposal.

Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki said that there is major problem with the roof of the Street Department maintenance building on Kennedy Avenue. He is getting quotes. If the quotes come in too high the project may have to go out to bid.

Borough Manager Landy said that the bullet-proof door project on the third floor of the municipal building will start as soon as we can find someone to move the network connection into Jeff Landy's new office. Police Chief Sam said he would be able to handle that.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Coal & Coke Trail has requested that the Borough release the funds budgeted for their use.
- Unity Township Supervisors sent a letter requesting that their fellow municipalities donate monies from their current budgets to fund the Westmoreland County Food Bank whose funds were cut by \$49,000.
- Barbara Raitano sent a letter stating that she drove her car into an unmarked trench dug by MAWC on Main Street on December 13, 2016. Barbara spoke to MAWC and the matter was turned over to their insurance. The claim was denied. The cost of the repair was \$395.38.

A discussion ensued regarding the 2017 Main Street Project and the work being done by the utility companies. Mayor Lucia said that he feels PennDot should have an inspector on-site during the project to insure that the road is drivable during construction. Councilman Rogacki said that MAWC is using Gibson-Thomas Engineers as their inspectors and they are the ones we should call.

Discussion & Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

Miscellaneous & Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:40pm

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