

## Meeting April 18, 2016

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Wagner 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Wagner asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Wagner directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilpersons present included Bailey, Caruso, Cholock, Pritts, Rogacki (via conference call), Ruszkowski, and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak, Davis & Davis were present. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of April 4, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Rogacki abstained.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Southmoreland School District would like to offer the free lunch program in the Borough again this summer at the concession stand at Frick Park. Monday thru Friday starting June 20, 2016 thru August 12, 2016
- The Annual MPVD Banquet will be held on May 7, 2016 at the Mount Pleasant Social Hall beginning at 6pm. All of Council is invited.
- PIC want to know if the Borough departments are interested in participating in their "Youth Work Program" this summer. Mr. Landy said that he will meet with department supervisors to see if they want to participate. All PIC workers must be supervised by a borough employee at all times.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of March 2016:

Police Department Report for the month of March 2016

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	113
Criminal Arrests	14
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	31
Parking Tickets Issued (Prkng Auth)	17
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations Issued	36
Assist Other Departments	11
Accidents Investigated	4
Parking Tickets	\$
Parking Meters	\$ 2,862.19
Fees for Police Reports	\$ 135.00
Clerk of Court	\$ 199.10
District Court	\$ 1,753.10
Parking Permit	\$ 285.00
Fence Permit	\$ 23.00
Drug Task Force	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 5,393.39

Police Chief Sam stated that the meter collections on the Police Report are for two months. Chief Sam said that his officers are working on getting all of the parking meters working. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of replacing the meters on Main Street during the 2017 Main Street Project and moving the Main Street meters to Washington Street. Council agreed that there should be a study on replacing the meters on Main Street from Eagle Street to the Doughboy and choosing a style of meter that Council agrees on.

Mayor Lucia said that four police officers passed the physical fitness test on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and all officers passed the written test on April 12<sup>th</sup>. On May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm at the Roosevelt Hall in Norvelt the Police Department

will begin a series of gun safety events. Any resident who needs a gun lock can come to the Mount Pleasant Police Department and they will be provided one at no cost.

Mayor Lucia said that there have been complaints about our Crossing Guards regarding unsafe crossing practices, use of profane language, and lack of coverage for crossings. All of these complaints have been documented and adjustments will be made. Police Chief Sam requested a meeting with the Public Safety Committee, Mount Pleasant Borough Human Resources and a representative from the School District to discuss the issue.

Mayor Lucia said that Ann Karaffa who was 104 years old passed away recently. Ann was known for baking cookies and was a member and volunteer of many borough organizations. She will be missed.

Mayor Lucia said that Seniors are still receiving phone calls from an IRS scam. Everyone in the Borough should be aware that the IRS will never contact anyone by phone and to be aware of these calls.

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

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia attended meetings with Frick Hospital representatives and were given a rendering of the proposed new lobby area.

Mr. Landy said that the gas well revenue report has been provided to Council and it is disappointing. 2015 revenue totaled \$2,897.10 which will be transferred into General Fund Budgetary Reserve.

Borough Manager Landy said that the make-up day for the Newly Elected Officials Seminar that was cancelled due to a snow storm will be held on April 30, 2016.

Mr. Landy said that Andy Zelinsky will trim the tree between the Municipal Building and Central Fire Station Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Borough Manager Landy said that he and President Wagner met with a company who manufactures astro turf that will be used at Penn Park. Mr. Landy said that he will meet with the Recreation Committee to discuss safety requirements for using the astro turf in our playgrounds.

Mr. Landy said that he and President Wagner met with BDA President Ed Christophano about a committee to go over the Mount Pleasant Sign Ordinance to make it easier to understand and bring it current. A Sidewalk Project was also discussed that would be in conjunction with the 2017 Main Street Project. The project would cover the area from the middle of the sidewalk to the businesses on Main Street and is not covered under any of the current grants. The BDA will look into a grant program to get that area completed. The project will include historical plaques for some of the businesses.

Borough Manager Landy said that another hearing was held regarding a workers comp claim filed by a WWT employee. The process is ongoing and has not been resolved yet.

Borough Manager Landy said WWT phone system is ready to start monitoring the Quarry Street overflow into East Huntingdon Township.

Mr. Landy said that FEMA will reimburse the Borough 75% of the cost for the 2015 winter storm.

Mr. Landy said that work is continuing on the infrastructure at Penn Park. VoTech will provide labor to build the pillars and erect the fence.

Borough Manager Landy went over the schedule of the Concerts In The Park with Council and will provide the schedule to them via email. Mr. Landy said that he is still looking for sponsors. Mr. Landy said that the YMCA would like to hold the August 5<sup>th</sup> Movie In The Park at the YMCA and incorporate the movie into other activities that they will hold on that day.

Mr. Landy said that he spoke to PNC Bank regarding the interest rate for the General Fund account and the bank agreed to double the rate. Mr. Landy said that he is speaking with the other banks to see if they can do the same.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough can get a grant for the storm water line that runs down S Geary Street but will need an engineering study to determine the cost. Council will have to decide whether to allot funds for the study.

Borough Manager Landy thanked all of the borough departments and Bob Regola for their help getting ready for the visit of Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Mike Stack. Mayor Lucia worked on getting the tour bus, Leo's Grille 31 provided the food and the Rotary put up the flags on Main Street. During the tour with the Lt. Governor 15-20 points about the Borough were discussed and Lt. Governor Stack said that he will follow up on all of the points discussed. Mr. Landy said that when all of the grant funds to be requested are finalized there will have to be another trip to Harrisburg sometime in June to discuss them in detail.

Mr. Landy said that Lt. Governor Stack will be the keynote speaker at the G-13 this year and will also be the Grand Marshal in the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade.

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2016:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Mar-16</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Previous</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>Balance</b>			
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	232,084.74	200,076.74	82,008.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	749,408.85	94,104.63	86,757.77	756,755.71
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	566,199.29	48.09	0.00	566,247.38
**Police		30,683.60			
**Streets		110,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		204,557.58			
**Infrastructure		96,588.62			
**BOMP1 Gas Well		11,498.30			
**BOMP2 Gas Well		4,668.35			
**Frick Park Gas Well		28,783.09			
**Levins		970.06			
**Surveillance Cameras		160.00			
**Early Warning Siren Grant		1,300.00			
**Fire		50,000.00			
**K-9		12,772.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act		14,265.02			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottsdale Bank 7000126	12,351.35	3,283.19	0.00	15,634.54
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	17,326.92	0.00	0.00	17,326.92
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	38,883.80	124,338.95	8,040.51	155,182.24
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,804.70	0.07	0.00	1,804.77
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	625.07	51,942.60	51,942.60	625.07
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	3,831.60	0.00	0.00	3,831.60
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.26	0.03	0.00	614.29
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,608,120.58</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	80,259.76	65,302.62	70,494.51	75,067.87
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	141,261.40	1,012.08	0.00	142,273.48
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,887.20	0.24	0.00	5,887.44
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,821.42	918.49	0.00	4,739.91
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>227,968.70</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	461,427.05	88,137.78	51,123.67	498,441.16
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	130,381.69	1,515.26	0.00	131,896.95
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	40,882.72	3.47	0.00	40,886.19
**Contingency		33,416.37			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	61,378.18	9,462.69	6,915.25	63,925.62
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>735,149.92</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,571,239.20</b>
Councilwoman Diane Bailey					
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak					

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**President's Report:** None

**Breakout Session:**

Councilman Rogacki and Councilwoman Bailey discussed the hiring of two part-time employees at the WWT Plant and what qualifications or training they require. WWT Superintendent Hague stated that he trains the laborers at the plant and they are supervised at all times until their training is complete.

Council discussed new street sign requirements and the process and cost of replacing the Borough street signs.

Paving projects have been advertised and the bid opening is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. Tar & Chipping will be done by Mount Pleasant Township sometime in July.

Councilman Caruso said that he would like to see the Borough hire a summer employee for the Street Department. Council can use this summer person to mow vacant properties and then lien the property for the cost.

Police Chief Sam discussed the process of hiring another full-time police officer. There will be an extensive background check, and an oral review by the Review Board.

Council discussed the pine trees at Frick Park and which ones need to be removed and replaced.

Andrew Zelinsky, WWT Plant said that the bridge at Willow Park should be repaired within a couple of weeks. Council agreed that the Street Department can coordinate with WWT about removing the old bridge.

President Wagner said that work has started at Willow Park to bring the playground equipment there from Frick Park. Artificial turf will be installed under the playground equipment at Willow and Frick Parks. President Wagner said that work should begin on the Basketball Court at Frick Park.

Councilman Cholock reported that the Police Department has been paying fuel charges for the 1998 Medic 10 ambulance since September 2013. Councilman Cholock is trying to rectify the situation as quickly as possible.

Councilwoman Rogacki brought up the subject of the new large recycling containers that were delivered to borough residents. If the resident does not want the large container they should contact the borough office. The only choices are the 65 gallon container and the 35 gallon container. Residents will no longer be able to use the blue tub but they may keep it. The recycling ordinance is Ordinance #624.

Councilman Pritts said that he would like Council to consider three full-time employees at the WWT Plant because it is very difficult to keep part-time employees in that department.

**Waste Water Treatment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Streets Report:**

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**Public Safety & Zoning:**

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to ratify employment of Derek Hoover as a temporary part-time Waste Water Treatment employee effective April 9, 2016 at a rate of \$10.15/hour with no benefits. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the employment of James Roscart and Jeremy Suhan as temporary part-time Waste Water Treatment employees for 32 hours per week at a rate of \$10.00 per hour

with no benefits. Employment is contingent upon the individual passing the pre-employment requirements which are clearances, drug test and pre-employment physical. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the employment of Ira Bennett as Code Enforcement Officer at a yearly contract salary of \$8,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve sending Councilwoman Bailey to the Annual PSAB Spring Conference at a cost of \$464.24. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:** None

**Property Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that there was an issue with a water line in the Police Department and the contractor has made the necessary repairs to fix the problem.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the quote in the amount of \$2,797.00 from Jim's Backflow and Testing Service to install backflows in borough facilities. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all approve expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Solicitor Liptak if she has any information on the Honeywell Agreement. Solicitor Liptak said that she has not heard from Honeywell so she will send a letter stating that the Borough will not accept any debt for the project due to the failure of Honeywell to respond. Council agreed that Solicitor Liptak may send the letter.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the railing at the steps in front of the Municipal Building that was damaged in an auto accident will be replaced at a cost of \$840. The insurance company will pay for the labor and replacement, but Chief Sam stated that the insurance company will not pay for power-coating the railing.

Councilman Rogacki asked if Mr. Landy spoke to Schindler Elevator regarding an invoice that is in question. Borough Manager Landy said that he did speak with a representative from Schindler and told them that we are not willing to pay the invoice at this time.

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

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

**New Business:**

Councilwoman Bailey asked everyone to support the Mount Pleasant Public Library on its "Day of Giving" be going to [www.westmorelandgives.org](http://www.westmorelandgives.org) to make a pledge by credit card of at least \$25.

President Wagner said that the Community Clean Up Day is scheduled for Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12 noon. Volunteers will meet in front of the Municipal Building.

**Public Comment:** None

**Miscellaneous & Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting adjourned 9:35pm**

### **Motions From April 18, 2016 Meeting**

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