

Meeting June 6, 2016

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Wagner 7:00pm 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 asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Caruso, Cholock, Pritts, Rogacki, Ruszkowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were absent. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Bo Chatfield 115 Bryce Mansion Way, Mount Pleasant PA 15666, Head Coach of Mount Pleasant Jr. Football League asked Council if his league could be allowed to practice at the Soccer Field at Willow Park 4 or 5 evenings a week from the end of July to approximately December 1st. Mr. Chatfield said that the League would maintain the field. Mr. Chatfield asked Council to make a decision fairly quickly because sign-up for the league is in June 15th. Councilwoman Barnes said that she will contact the Mount Pleasant Soccer League to find out if and when they will be using the field.

Speaker: None

Reading of communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Jacobs Creek Watershed has been awarded a 2016 Dominion Mini Grant and will purchase rain barrel equipment for residents within the Watershed at a discount to the landowner. The \$149 barrel will be available for #50. The registration form is available at the borough office.
- Laurelville will be holding an open house on June 11, 2016 from 1pm to 4pm and have invited Mount Pleasant Borough Council Members. The Laurelville Swimming Pool is available to the public for \$3 per day.
- Smart Growth will hold a 15 Year Celebration and Recognition Dinner on July 14, 2016 beginning at 6pm at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Chambers Hall, 1150 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg PA 15601. The cost is \$35 per person and \$250 for a Corporate Table. RSVP by July 7, 2016.
- WBG970 AM radio station would like the Borough to sponsor a 4th of July “Don’t Drink and Drive Awareness Campaign” on ESPN Sports Talk Radio in Pittsburgh.

Mayor’s Report: None

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the first Concert InThe Park was rained out and will be rescheduled. Mr. Landy asked Council to give him the date they will be able to volunteer for a concert this summer. Movies In The Park will start June 10th.

Mr. Landy said that he received the new CDBG Grant Application and Council needs to decide what project to apply for.

Borough Manager Landy said that a pre-construction meeting was held with Victor Paving. The 2016 Paving Project will take approximately 3 days and will be completed before the Firemen’s Fair in June.

Mr. Landy said that long-time business owner Bill Armor passed away this morning. Mr. Armor ran Armor’s Pharmacy in town for many years out of the oldest commercial building in the Borough.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of May 2016:

Property Taxes = \$9,957.86
Supplemental Tax = \$28.85
Per Capita Tax = \$132.00

Total Collected = \$10,118.71

Solicitor's Report: None

President's Report:

President Wagner commended Council on how they are handling the numerous projects that are going on now. President Wagner said that the intent is to work together to make the Borough better. To do that he would like to see Council utilize all of the resources available.

President Wagner reported that he and Borough Manager Landy toured Vandergrift on Friday and discussed their recent Main Street Project. The meetings went well and the thing that Vandergrift officials stressed was planning. President Wagner said that Council will do anything that can be done for Borough businesses during the construction and will keep businesses and the general public informed.

Borough Manager Landy discussed some of the problems facing Vandergrift and how Mount Pleasant Borough can learn from them. Mr. Landy said that the best thing for the Borough is for Council to work together.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

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

Councilman Rogacki explained that the proposed Bar Screen will hopefully prolong the bio-towers at the plant by eliminating large waste before it reaches them.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve the proposal from RJMC Inc for the Bar Screen at the WWT Plant at a cost of \$276,000 plus \$500 for the cost of the DEP Permit. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy said that the cost of \$276,000 for the bar screen does not include engineering costs. President Wagner said that the bid does include a compacter.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she believes Council should consider selling the Mount Pleasant Borough WWT Plant because Council does not possess enough knowledge to operate and maintain the plant. Borough Manager Landy said that he feels we are not getting good numbers from our engineers. President Wagner said that the Borough employs personnel at the WWT Plant who are certified to run the plant. Council woman Barnes said that Council does not possess all of the knowledge to run the Street Department either, but the Borough shouldn't sell that department. Council agreed that sewage rates would increase dramatically if someone else owns the plant but Borough Manager Landy pointed out right now our sewage rates are much lower than surrounding communities.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve Resolution 2016-03 approving the request of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority for the Mount Pleasant Borough to accept the

loan proposal for the 2017 Main Street Sewage Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

WWT Superintendent Hague made the following report for the month of May 2016:

- Removed and installed new flow proportional chlorinators also painted the chlorine room.
- Met with Columbia Gas they have a safety program where they are televising sanitary sewer lines in communities looking for gas lines that may have been installed through sewer lines. After the work is complete they will turn over the data to each sewage authority. They also GIS map whatever sections they work on so that will save us money because we need complete that also. It was started with the main inceptors with the flow study.
- Remove tie wall and install wall blocks at the bridge at Willow Park
- Meetings about the Bar Screen Replacement project and the CSO post construction Monitoring requirement from DEP. We are operating on expired permit, the new permit will be issued with the understanding that before the permit expires in 4 years that there is CSO reconstruction that needs completed and line maintenance. The estimated cost for those items is approximately \$233,000. The permit expired on September 30, 2013 all the testing and applications were submitted.

Streets Report:

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

Councilman Caruso said that the Street Department must prepare Willow Street Extension a few days before paving begins. After paving is complete tar & chipping will start.

Councilman Caruso reported that some new stop signs were installed and break-away poles were used. Borough Manager talked again about communities combining street sign orders to get a better price.

Councilman Caruso discussed the alley behind Standard Bank coming out on Church Street. When there is a car parked there it is difficult to see traffic. Police Chief Sam said that the Borough has the authority to remove the meter and paint a yellow line to the last parking space. Police Chief Sam requested that the Street Department remove the meter and paint the yellow line at least 15 feet.

Council discussed the 20 foot yellow line on Vine Street that some residents want to see removed. Police Chief Sam said that a safety survey was conducted and he feels there should be a 15 foot yellow line from Church Street and then 15 feet from the alley and remove the sign.

Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman Cholock said that he provided Council members with a packet that includes a job description and pay scale for a full-time police officer and an employment contract for the Police Chief. Police Chief Sam spoke to Council about the job description and pay scale document and how it affects the budget and the hiring of one or two full-time police officers. The upcoming contract negotiations were also discussed. Council decided to look at all of the documents, let the Finance Committee look at the numbers and make a decision at the next meeting.

Council discussed the Police Chief Employment Contract proposed by Police Chief Sam. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she believes some of the items in the contract are currently, and according to Borough Code the responsibility of the Mayor. Council agreed to look at the employment contract and make individual notes and questions.

Police Chief Sam stated that he has all new parking meters ready to be installed at Penn Park. Decorative parking meter poles were discussed and Borough Manager Landy suggested that the committee in charge of upgrading street signs also look at the decorative parking meter poles.

Council discussed police monitoring of parking meters. Police Chief Sam stated that parking meters in all borough parking lots are monitored 24/7 including the Library/Frick Park lot and tickets are issued accordingly. Police monitoring of parking meters on borough streets stops at 5pm on weekdays and none on weekends. President Wagner said that he would like to see further discussion regarding monitoring of meters in the Library/Frick Park lot.

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Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilwoman Barnes said that the Southmoreland School District Summer Food Program will be serving free lunch at Frick Park Concession Stand from noon to 1pm beginning on June 20, 2016 and run through August 5, 2016. The program is open to anyone 18 years of age and under. The YMCA recreational program will be at Frick Park from 10am to noon and will run the same dates.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the Borough received a bid in the amount of \$600 from Mr. Andy Zelinski to remove the pine trees at Frick Park and another bid from Mr. Zelinski in the amount of \$1,650 to remove two trees at Jack Bobb's Park and trim two more. Councilwoman Barnes said that there is a tree on the corner of Silver and Main Streets that Mr. Zelinski said he will trim and see if it can be saved at no extra charge. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if Mr. Zelinski, who is an employee of the Borough, has his own insurance for the tree trimming. Councilwoman Barnes said that she will check with Mr. Zelinsky. Councilman Rogacki said that Mr. Landy should check with the Borough's insurance company to see if they require a certain amount of liability insurance for work done by contractors for the Borough.

Council discussed moving the fence from the Volleyball Court to Jack Bobb's Park and Councilman Caruso said that he will do some measurements to see if it the correct size for the park. Councilman Caruso said that there will still be an expense for poles if the fence is moved. President Wagner asked Councilwoman Barnes to get prices for fencing to see if it is cheaper to purchase a new or used one from a vendor versus moving the one from the volleyball court.

Council discussed different solutions for the railroad ties around Frick Park that are deteriorating.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the bridge at Willow Park is almost complete and WWT personnel did a wonderful job. Also, the jungle gym at Willow Park is almost complete and Councilwoman Barnes said that she would like to see it painted. Councilwoman Barnes said that she is still working on getting the tables under the pavilions at Willow Park painted.

Borough Manager Landy said that the line item for park improvements is over by \$13,000 and he would like to work with Councilman Caruso to see if some funds can be transferred from the Street Department budget.

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

Councilman Pritts said that he would like to see the fence gate at Frick Park repaired so that it can close. Councilman Caruso said that he will have Mr. Golobish look to see if it can be repaired.

Councilwoman Barnes asked when the new playground equipment will be installed at Frick Park and Mr. Landy said that after determining what the ASTM standards are the Street Department should start digging down for the base and after that is complete it should be ok to start installation. President Wagner asked if the sliding board could be done at the same time.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that Council received a letter from G.H. Harris stating that Mount Pleasant Area School District is using their services again and asked if the Borough will also be using them again to collect delinquent per capita tax. There would be no changes to the contract or the cost.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the amount from Penn Dot for Winter Maintenance this year will be \$10,249.91 which is slightly more than budgeted. A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that backflows have been installed on all borough facilities except the Municipal Building.

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Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Council discussed garbage pickup and the fact that it was late this week and some homes didn't get picked up at all.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Borough received the CDBG Grant Application and she will be meeting with Borough Manager Landy to discuss what projects the Borough will apply for.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Westmoreland Cleanways is offering grants for paint and the Borough may be able to get paint for the picnic tables at Willow Park.

New Business:

Councilman Pritts said that there is no light in the pavilion at Frick Park and he feels there should be, especially for public safety. Police Chief Sam said that he has purchased a camera for the Pavilion from grant funds and it should be installed soon.

Councilman Cholock said that Ms. Jason Dieter is requesting Council's permission to have a 5K Walk/Run on Sunday October 9, 2016. Funds from the Walk will be earmarked for the college fund of Officer Zilli's daughter Gia. Council approved the request.

President Wagner read a resignation letter from Mr. Seth Prentice who is resigning from the Mount Pleasant Borough Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the resignation of Seth Prentice from the Mount Pleasant Borough Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 10:30pm

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