

## Meeting August 22, 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 asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Bailey, Barnes, Caruso, Cholock, Pritts, Rogacki, Ruszkowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Speaker:**

Hallie Chattfield, Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority, said that the Redevelopment Authority has received the approvals from EPA for quality assurance and retention plan which is step one for pursuing Phase II filing for the Bridgeport Street site. From there the Authority will submit a sampling analysis plan to be approved by EPA to then perform the use assessment work. The engineer will go onsite to do further investigation. There will be five ground water monitoring wells in place, addition soil surface borings and seven deeper sub-surface borings. The area behind Willow Park will also be tested. Phase II will let the Authority know how to do remediation and a discussion will be held on how to fund the project. There are remediation funds available to the County. Cleanup would be voluntary. The process will determine the best use of the property and will take several months to complete.

Ms. Chatfield said that work on Penn Park is being completed and the deadline is mid-September 2016. All money for construction of Penn Park came from grant funds. The Borough provided in-kind services, but no actual funds.

Ms. Chatfield said that she will be holding an open house at the R & R Station property to market the property to interested parties for possible development. Borough Manager Landy said that the agreement with the Land Bank is that they purchase the property and the Borough maintains the property until it is sold.

### **Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Westmoreland Cleanways requested the \$25 membership fee for 2016.
- Conference Leadership information was received regarding the PSAB Fall Conference.
- Smart Growth thanked the Borough of its support.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of July 2016

Incidents – 122  
Criminal Arrests – 18  
DUE Arrests – 3  
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro) – 7  
Parking Tickets Issued (Parking Authority) – 0  
Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations Issued – 26  
Assist Other Departments – 11  
Accidents Investigated – 7

### **Income:**

Parking Tickets - \$0.00  
Parking Meters - \$0.00  
Fees for Police Reports - \$105.00  
Clerk of Courts - \$201.98  
District Court - \$1,126.11  
Parking Permit - \$0.00  
Restitution to Police Department - \$168.15

Mayor Lucia said that the new Ford Explorer police vehicle will be put into service on August 26, 2016. The 2013 Ford Explorer is back in the shop again because of the same problem of shutting down and not restarting.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant Police Department will be conducting active shooter training at the National Armory in August 2016, National Night Out was a success and over 350 people attended the event, the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department is currently undergoing an annual audit by the State Police and the FBI and Crossing Guard training was conducted today 8/22/16.

Mayor Lucia said that he has a case of blue LED lights for residents who want to install them outside their home in support of Police Officers. They will be on sale at the borough office for \$5.00 each. Councilman Rogacki said that the bulbs should be installed at all borough facilities and Council agreed.

Mayor Lucia said that September 2016 will be “Paint the Town Gold” month. There will be a ceremony at the Gazebo on September 2, 2016 at 6pm.

Mayor Lucia said that there will be a 9/11 ceremony at the Gazebo on Sunday September 11, 2016 beginning at 6pm and following the ceremony there will be a 5K walk/run.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour will begin on the first Thursday in October and will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month except December 2016 through March 2017.

**Borough Manager’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that he and President Wagner traveled to Harrisburg for a meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to discuss funding for a storm water project because the grant that was applied for by Jacob’s Creek Water Shed was denied. Follow-up meetings were held and Mr. Landy said that the meetings went very well.

At the council meeting on September 6, 2016 Mayor Lucia will be receiving the 2017 Mayor of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania State Mayor’s Association and Mr. Landy said that he would like to put together a committee for that night.

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia met with the Ministerium and they are receptive to doing a lot with the Borough.

Mr. Landy said that he and Councilman Cholock met with Enviro 21. They are a marketplace to handle all of the Borough’s waste needs including e-waste, medical waste, tires etc. For a cost of \$250 per year they will vet vendors to make sure that they are bonded etc. The company is willing to attend a council meeting to explain what they have to offer.

Mr. Landy reported that the Westmoreland County Sheriff’s Department would like to use chambers as a location for renewing firearms permits. They would be in chambers on one Wednesday every other month in 2017 from noon to 6pm.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2016:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jul-16			Balance 2016
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,226.00	145,966.30	147,192.30	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	805,473.74	47,321.13	87,958.74	764,836.13
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	664,449.41	112.88	0.00	664,562.29
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		229,975.39			
**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	33,203.64	0.00	296.52	32,907.12
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	17,326.92	0.00	0.00	17,326.92
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	144,921.84	38.66	9,190.76	135,769.74
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.00	0.07	0.00	1,805.07
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	625.77	53,001.76	53,001.76	625.77
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	4,151.60	0.00	0.00	4,151.60
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.37	0.02	0.00	614.39
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>1,680,689.09</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	39,287.45	52,864.85	76,283.33	15,868.97
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	145,340.72	1,024.86	0.00	146,365.58
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,888.18	0.23	0.00	5,888.41
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,740.50	0.00	0.00	4,740.50
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>172,863.46</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	411,804.72	108,753.78	60,447.66	460,110.84
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,382.71	30.64	0.00	180,413.35
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,648.03	20.16	0.00	118,668.19
**Contingency		111,198.37			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	71,763.63	17,803.36	6,915.25	82,651.74
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>841,844.12</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,695,396.67</b>
Councilwoman Diane Bailey					
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 8-0.

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Liptak spoke about the motion to extend the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority. The extension is necessary because of the loan the Authority is taking out for the 2017 Main Street Project which the Borough will repay. Council must decide whether to pay off the loan in 15 years or 20 years. That will determine the length of the extension. Solicitor Liptak recommended that Council go with the 20 year mark in case something falls short in the 15 year plan. If the loan is paid off early there will be no extra fees.

Solicitor Liptak stated there is a memorandum to the agreement that needs to be passed tonight that deals with the standard over runs of the projects. These over runs would be added onto the Borough's total.

Council discussed the Engineering Agreement that needs to be signed. The original agreement would have to be changed to reflect language that states the Borough will hire an independent engineer to do the inspections during the project, not just at the end of the project. Solicitor Liptak stated that as long as the motion reflects that, then the agreement can be changed and signed tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to extend the term of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority to the year 2040. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

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 Pritts to approve the Memorandum Agreement holding the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority harmless for any costs over runs. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to approve the Engineers Agreement provided that the periodic and final inspections are performed by and independent engineer. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

**President's Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to purchase 1,184 sq. ft. of used astro-turf at \$.39 per sq. ft. from Artificial Grass Recyclers, Temecula CA to be used at the Frick Park Playground. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

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A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to appoint Mr. Tony Vecchio to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three-year term. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki for a 20-minute Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Executive Session 8:30pm to 8:50pm.**

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

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Rogacki asked if Councilwoman Bailey had considered his request for a part-time person at the WWT Plant. Councilwoman Bailey said that there are not enough funds to pay for a part-time person but when the 2017 Main Street Project starts it may be possible to hire a temporary part-time person.

**Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to approve expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to hold the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival on September 23, 24, and 25 at Veterans Park Memorial and Gazebo Areas and to close S. Diamond Street from Route 31 Main Street to Spruce Street and Washington Street from College Avenue to Hitchman from 11am September 22, 2016 to 11am September 26, 2016 for the Festival. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to close Route 31 Main Street from Braddock Rd Ave to Cooks Way from 1:30pm to 4:00pm on September 24, 2016 for the Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso for Council to approve red, white and blue as official colors of the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

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 accept the proposal from The EADS Group for inspection of the 2017 Main Street Project per the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

Solicitor Liptak said that The EADS Group estimates the construction duration to be 12 weeks and they will work 40 hours per week at a rate of \$70. Therefore the estimated total cost would be \$33,600 for the inspection of the 2017 Main Street Project.

**Public Safety Report:**

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

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to enter into a one-year agreement with Allegheny Health Network with provisions as outlined by the Borough Solicitor for Medic 10 management review. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. A roll call vote was requested.

The following is the roll call vote:

- Councilwoman Bailey – Yes
- Councilwoman Barnes – Yes
- Councilman Caruso – Yes
- Councilman Cholock – Yes
- Councilman Pritts – Yes
- Councilman Rogacki – No
- Councilwoman Ruszkowski – Yes
- Councilwoman Stevenson – Yes
- President Wagner – Yes

Motion carried 8-1.

A motion was made to approve Part-Time Police pay scale per 2 week pay as follows:

- 1-27 hours \$12.00/hour
- 27.5-43 hours \$13.00/hour
- 43.5-64 hours \$14.00/hour

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to advertise for two part-time substitute Crossing Guards. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Police Chief Sam said that he is President of the Mount Pleasant Borough Safety Committee and it has been decided by the committee that there should be a door outside of the Borough Manager and the Secretary's office that can be locked.

Police Chief Sam said that the Safety Committee has started doing safety inspections of borough facilities. The committee found 58 safety violations at the Street Department alone. All of the departments will work together to bring the facilities up to safety code.

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

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is working to update the Sign Ordinance and has contacted Greensburg for a copy of their ordinance. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she spoke to a representative from PSAB and was advised to hold off revising the Sign Ordinance because we may have to do so again in the near future.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said that only one bid was received for the Resurfacing of the Frick Park Basketball Court. The bid was rejected because it was too high. The project will be re-advertised this week. Councilwoman Barnes said that the September 20, 2016 deadline may not work because the asphalt must cure for 30 days before it can be painted. Borough Manager Landy said that the deadline for the grant is January 31, 2017, but asphalt plants close sometime in November depending on the weather.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to accept the quote from Marker's Welding & Service in the amount of \$4,445.00 for the basketball portion of fence at Jack Bobb's Park including the gate. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the eight-person Mount Pleasant Parks & Recreation Committee chose a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson and will be meeting every third Thursday of the month. The committee will look into the railroad ties at Frick Park.

Councilwoman Barnes said that Councilman Rogacki helped in putting together a Veterans Park Committee. Eventually there it will be a five-person committee.

Councilwoman Barnes asked Solicitor Liptak to look into whether any agreements were violated when the Borough put the gas well in at Frick Park.

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

Councilwoman Barnes said that she would like to see a Teen Council organized in Mount Pleasant and she will talk to Police Chief Sam and Councilman Cholock about getting young people involved in the community.

President Wagner said that he received correspondence from Mr. Randy Christman stating that the Mount Pleasant MPIAA will be having tournaments four Sundays this fall. September 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to use the field for practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mr. Christman said that they will not be using the lights at Frick Park.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the use of Frick Park Softball Field by the MPIAA Girls Softball League in September and October as the schedule presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

#### **Finance & Human Resources Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve a quarter page ad in the 2016 Mount Pleasant Viking Football Boosters Program Booklet at a cost of \$30. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve resolution 2016-10 authorizing Jeff Landy, Borough Manager as agent to submit all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for Winter Storm Jonas. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

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

#### **Negotiations Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said a meeting of the committee was held and a proposal to the union was drafted. The Borough proposal and the union proposal will be exchanged at a meeting on Tuesday 8/23/16 and a meeting with the Union will be held to discuss the proposals on Thursday 8/25/16.

#### **Property Report:**

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

Council discussed a safety door on the third floor of the municipal building.

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**Sanitation & Recycling Report:** None

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that her committee will meet with WWT Superintendent Larry Hague to discuss a grant focusing on WWT.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she received information regarding Tree Revitalization and will research the application.

**New Business:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the 2016 Christmas Ornament is for sale. This year the Veterans Wall is featured and the cost of the ornament is \$14.95.

Borough Manager Landy said that there will be a pre-construction meeting on Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 4pm for the 2017 Main Street Sewer Project.

**Public Comment:** None

**Miscellaneous & Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 10:40pm**

## **Motions From Meeting of August 22, 2016**

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