

Meeting August 3, 2015

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. Councilman Pritts lead Council in The Lord's Prayer. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Wagner and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. President Bauer said that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Councilwoman Stevenson left her council chair for a three minute comment regarding the Mount Pleasant Landlord Association and their efforts to elect their chosen candidates to Council. Ms. Stevenson also spoke about support from the PSAB for the Landlord Ordinance and the history of contention between the Landlord Association and Council.

Mr. Gerard Rendine, Route 31, Mount Pleasant PA loudly rebutted Ms. Stevenson's comments about the Landlord Association and voiced his displeasure with Council and Mayor Lucia.

Councilman Wagner left his council chair to comment on his belief that council meetings are not the place for a political debate. Mr. Wagner said that law dictates that citizens can campaign for any candidate they chose.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of July 2015:

Mount Pleasant Borough Police Report for the month of July 2015

The Department answered the following calls:

Complaints	99
Drug Arrests	6
DUI Arrests	2
Parking Tickets Issued	38
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations Issued	19
Assist Other Departments	3
Accidents Investigated	6
Assist Medic 10	5
Income	\$
Parking Tickets	217.00
Meter Receipts	\$ 129.45
Fees for Police Reports	\$ 60.00
Clerk of Court	\$ 148.85
District Court	\$ 857.10
Total Income for May 2015	\$ 2,492.40

Councilman Wagner asked Police Chief Sam about an attachment to the police report regarding parking violations. Chief Sam stated that the Vehicle Code states Councilman Wagner is referring to is the one that states that cars must be parked with right wheels against the curb anywhere a vehicle is allowed to travel. It also states that no borough ordinance shall supersede the state code. Chief Sam stated that the code gives the power of enforcement to the local police because they are certified by the state. Chief Sam said that warnings will be given before tickets are issued for this violation. President Bauer stated reasons why it may be necessary to park against traffic. Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Police have discretion whether to issue a ticket when following the code is a safety issue. A discussion ensued

regarding different situations when it may be necessary to disregard the vehicle code. Mayor Lucia said that if the vehicle code is going to be enforced there should be no exceptions.

Mayor Lucia said that he attended the State Mayor's Association Conference and brought back literature on cybercrime, emergency management, and how to get in touch with government agencies. Creative funding for boroughs was discussed as well as body cameras for police officers. Mayor Lucia said that he has a copy of Governor Wolfe's tax proposal for anyone who wants read it. Mayor Lucia said that the Mayor's Association is pushing hard for the law to allow local municipalities to use radar for traffic enforcement.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Wolfe said that he has put together proposed Civil Service Rules and Regulations from various municipalities for Council to discuss and possibly adopt.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following Tax Report for the month of July 2015:

Property Taxes Collected = \$4,053.81

Tax Collector Yancosky said per capita and school property taxes were mailed on Friday August 31, 2015. Ms. Yancosky said that the millage for school property taxes was increased and an average property owner can expect to pay approximately \$30 more.

President's Report:

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Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- All council members have a copy of the Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual report.
- Reserved signs will be put up at Willow Park pavilions when they are reserved.
- Flyers for the Early Warning Siren are done and can be distributed.
- Gibson-Thomas Engineers have submitted the Borough's MS4 Permit.
- Mr. Landy and Mayor Lucia attended a meeting for a 5K Run in Mount Pleasant Borough scheduled for September 19, 2015 to benefit Patrolman George Hare.
- Specs for Penn Park re-bid are available at the borough office.
- The property on Main Street that was formerly the R&R Station Restaurant has been purchased by the county land bank and they have plans to redevelop the property.
- The monthly Safety Meeting was held on July 21st.
- Mr. Landy is trying to set up a meeting with representatives from the Mount Pleasant Soccer League before the Borough signs the agreement with the Railroad.

Councilman Paul Wagner questioned some line items on the Profit & Loss Report that are currently over-budget especially the police overtime. Borough Manager Landy explained that the overtime turned in by Policemen for the Drug Task Force will be reimbursed by the Attorney General's Office. The Borough pays the overtime and then receives a check from them and there can be a significant amount of time in between. Councilman Wagner asked if it would be possible to determine what overtime is for

Borough Police and what is for the Drug Task Force. Mr. Landy said he will go through the payroll records and will report on the difference at the council meetings.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Council tabled the motion to purchase a John Deere Tractor from COSTAR member West Central Equipment until further information is available.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to install the sewage line in front of property at 308 Diamond Street owned by J.T. Sowers to Walnut Street at a cost of up to \$6,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilwoman Stevenson and Councilman Pritts voting no.

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague reported that the DEP Annual Inspection was performed at the plant and the wall at Frick Park should be complete by the end of next week.

Veterans Park Report: None

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey discussed the Penn Dot Winter Maintenance Agreement and reported that Penn Dot is not willing to increase the dollar amount they pay the Borough for winter maintenance on state roads. Councilwoman Bailey said the Borough has three choices: 1. Sign the 5-year contract which can be canceled after one year, and accept the payment amount. 2. Do not sign the contract and let Penn Dot do winter maintenance on those streets. 3. Do not sign the contract and let Penn Dot take over the winter maintenance on those streets with borough employees taking up the slack during a significant winter event. Councilwoman Bailey was asked for her recommendation and she recommended that Council should not sign the agreement because it would mean the Borough loses money.

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Councilwoman Bailey presented Council with a list of potential streets to be scratch-coated. Councilwoman Bailey said that when Council decides to move forward they can decide which streets will be done with the money that is available. The cost to scratch-coat would be approximately \$100/ton. Three ton would cover 100 feet 10 feet wide.

Public Safety & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to mark the un-named alley between Rumbaugh and St. Clair Streets as one-way, ingress at Rumbaugh and egress at St. Clair. The portion of the alley from St. Clair to Mullin Avenue will remain two-way.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she will have Street Department personnel mark the alley as one-way.

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Fire Report for the month of July 2015:

Total Calls – 43
In Town – 12
Out of Town – 31
10-45's – 14
10-45's W/Entrapment – 1
Fires – 7
AFA's – 16
Public Service – 4
Standby's – 2
Turnpike Calls – 2
Total Members Answering – 578
Avg. Member Per Call – 13
Total Staff Hours – 361

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she received a recommendation from Medic 10 to accept the application for a new volunteer.

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Parks & Recreation Report: None

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to renew the Joinder Agreement with M.E.I.T. for eye and dental coverage. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to Authorize Borough Manager Landy to sign Westmoreland County Transit Authority 2015-2016 Agreement in the amount of \$1,620.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

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Property Report: None

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilman Caruso said that there has been an issue with recycling being picked up on a couple of streets in the Borough. There was a problem with lack of personnel at Republic Services and the problem has been taken care of.

Councilman Wagner asked President Bauer if they could meet at the Synagogue to go through the Christmas decorations that are stored there.

Councilman Wagner said that he attended the last Mount Pleasant Business District Authority meeting and they wanted to know if Council has any expectations of the BDA in regards to the Penn Dot Main Street Project. They also wanted to know if the trees on Main Street will be replaced after the project and President Bauer said that many of the business owners have already removed the trees so if the trees are removed they most likely would not be replaced after the Penn Dot Main Street Project is complete.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Frick Hospital will be holding a Grand Opening and Award Ceremony for Dr. Jenkins on August 13, 2015 at 1pm. All of Council is invited to attend.
- There will be a dedication of The Mount Pleasant Room on Monday August 10, 2015 at 7pm.
- There will be a Trooper Iwaniec Memorial Sporting Clay Event that will be held September 19, 2015 at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort with registration beginning at 8:30am. Profits will go to the purchase of breathalyzers for the State Police and law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

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