

Meeting September 18, 2017

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso at 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, McCloy, Pritts and Ruszkowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017 with correction since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Clayton Greg, McClure & Wolf, Mount Pleasant Borough Auditors, went through the audit report with Council. Mr. Greg concluded that the Borough is in excellent shape and in compliance with state regulations.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Lucia said that two prominent Mount Pleasant Borough citizens have passed away. Mrs. Rita Abromson, Mother of Attorney Nat Abromson who was the Borough Solicitor for many years passed away. Mrs. Abromson was a 50-year volunteer at Frick Hospital. Mr. Don Robertson, former owner of Ghantos Clothing Store also passed away last week.

Mayor Lucia said that he is very pleased with the direction that Medic 10 has taken in the last year and the much-improved audit report.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that she is still communicating with Ford Motor Company regarding the complaint for the police vehicle and should receive a response within 30 days.

Solicitor Liptak said that she has the letter ready regarding Shupe’s Run for Council to approve.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Aug-17			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2017
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,366.00	227,762.46	228,128.46	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	942,386.52	132,203.24	74,584.73	1,000,005.03
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	673,115.83	845.44	0.00	673,961.27
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		231,421.92			
**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		13,503.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act					
13		21,486.47			

Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	24,190.87	3,847.44	0.00	28,038.31
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	150,757.60	94.74	65,418.47	85,433.87
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.98	0.07	0.00	1,806.05
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	675.32	51,788.51	51,788.51	675.32
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	7,105.44	0.00	213.60	6,891.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.70	0.02	0.00	614.72
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	1,006.05			1,006.05
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	416,944.35	194.76	0.00	417,139.11
Total General Fund Balance					2,280,317.33
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	52,277.74	42,547.03	6,776.30	88,048.47
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	133,652.41	1,022.88	0.00	134,675.29
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,891.37	0.25	0.00	5,891.62
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	5,649.67	0.00	0.00	5,649.67
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					234,265.05
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	464,613.57	61,601.17	124,719.12	401,495.62
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,774.54	30.71	0.00	180,805.25
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,905.77	20.20	0.00	118,925.97
**Contingency		111,466.64			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	105,944.06	1,034.52	0.00	106,978.58
Total WWT Balance					808,205.42
Total Borough funds					3,322,787.80

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the budget process will begin in October. There will be no extra monies from taxes etc. so the budget should look pretty much the same except for the increase in health care.

Mr. Landy said that C. Harper has a 2017 vehicle and with the trade-in and other incentives the cost to the Borough would be \$23,169. Borough Manager Landy said that he refused the offer because he felt it should be less and offered \$21,500.

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Councilwoman Bailey worked on deciding what to include in the CDBG Grant application and they decided that it should be the basketball court. Other problems in the Borough may have other solutions such as a grant for the water problems.

Mr. Landy said that there will be a "Three Rivers Wet Weather Conference" in Monroeville on October 11th & 12th. Mr. Landy said that he would like to attend this conference along with one of the WWT employees.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session 7:51pm to 8:18pm

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 6-0.

President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

President Caruso announced a breakout session for council committees.

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of August 2017:

- Incidents – 130
- Criminal Arrests – 18
- DUI Arrests – 4
- Parking Tickets Issued (Boro) – 9
- Traffic and Non-traffic Citations Issued – 17
- Assist Other Departments – 14
- Accidents Investigated – 4

Revenue

- Parking Meters - \$3,847.44
- Parking Tickets - \$0.00
- Parking Tickets - \$0.00
- Clerk of Courts - \$64.39
- Restitution to Police Department – \$0.00
- Fees for Police Reports - \$120.00
- District Court - \$737.33

Total Revenue for August 2017 - \$4,791.66

Mayor Lucia read the following Fire Report for the month of August 2017:

- Total Calls – 61
- 10-45's – 24
- Entrapment Calls – 1
- Fires – 10
- AFA's – 16
- Public Service Calls – 10
- Sandby's – 1
- Turnpike Calls – 6
- Total Members Answering – 965
- Avg. Member Per Call – 16
- Total Staff Hours – 478

Mayor Lucia said that the Borough will benefit from a federal fire recruitment grant which will cover the cost of outfitting new volunteer firemen. The cost to outfit a new recruit is \$3,000. The grant funds will also cover the cost of education.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Pritts read the following WWT report:

- Repaired 5' of main line at alley by Jack Bobb's Park
- Serviced and set time on Town Clock Church
- Cameraed line for Street Department on St. Clair Street
- Annual Calibration done on flow meters at WWT Plant
- Changed oil on plant blower
- Routine grass cutting at plant and pump stations.
- Monthly DMR Report submitted to DEP
- Helped with Eagle Scout Project
- Cleaned filters on pumps at all pump stations.
- Replaced fuse on bar screen

- Home inspections – 1
- PA One Calls – 57
- Emergency PA One Calls – 5
- Callouts – 1

Borough Manager said that he would like WWT personnel to resume cutting a path through the woods from 3rd Ward Fire Station.

Mayor Lucia left the meeting t 8:55pm.

Streets Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to allow Street Crew Leader Jeff McGuinness to attend “Low Volume Dirt & Gravel Roads” class in State College on November 8th & 9th with an overnight stay on the 8th. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Borough Street Department has to quality for “Low Volume Dirt & Gravel Roads” in order to have the ability to apply for grants.

Councilwoman Bailey said that a resident who lives on Kozak Way has requested that the Borough provide him with millings to be used on Kozak Way. If the Borough dumps the millings he will do the work to fix the road. At this time Kozak Way is not on the list of borough streets so if Council grants the request it may become the Borough’s responsibility to maintain it in the future. Council agreed to deny the resident’s request at this time.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Borough needs to advertise for RFP’s for an Engineer to write specs for paving of Church Street and for tar and chipping of Bridgeport Street so that work can begin as soon as the weather breaks in the spring of 2018. The Borough received Turnback money from the State and is now responsible for paving and maintaining Church Street and Bridgeport Street.

Councilwoman Bailey said that WWT personnel cameraed St. Clair St. and the line is open on the other side of the street with a pipe running underneath the road. The Borough will cement and close the bad line that runs in front of three properties, take it across the street down the other side and then back over to the storm drain. The driveway problem at the Etling property will be solved by digging it up, putting down gravel and repaving the driveway 20” side to side.

Public Safety Report: None

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise the amendment to Ordinance #624 Noise Nuisance. Motion seconded by Councilman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that when she and Borough Manager Landy were discussing projects to include in the CDBG Grant Application there were several projects that were discussed but the basketball project was chosen because the others can be handled by the Borough. Quotes are being requested for the cost to remove the water and repave the basketball court.

Parks & Recreation/Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes said that her sister Karen Nelson donated \$400 worth of merchandise as prizes for Family Fun Day and would like Council to consider reimbursing her \$100 of the cost. Councilwoman Barnes said she will provide an itemized list of everything that was donated.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reminded Council that the budget process begins in October and if they have any projects they would like to see done in 2018 they should contact her in writing as soon as possible.

Property Report: None

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that it might be a good idea for the Veterans Park Committee to make a tree for the DAR Tree display and sale at Christmas with the Mount Pleasant Borough Christmas decorations.

Sanitation & Recycling: None

Councilwoman Barnes said that she would like to see someone call Republic Services and ask them to have their drivers slow down while in the Borough.

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant BDA would like to decorate the town pink in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Borough Manager Landy said that the only problem may be if there is a wedding at the Gazebo. Council agreed to allow it as long as decorations at the Gazebo are limited.
- Janet Garlick, 314 Washington Street is requesting a residential handicapped parking space in front of her home. Mr. Landy said he will turn the request over to the Public Safety Committee.
- The Borough's Liquid Fuels estimated Liquid Fuels 2018 allocation is \$134,060.16.
- The Mount Pleasant Church of God Food Pantry sent a flyer about their 2nd Turkey Drive. They are asking for donations and volunteers. Council agreed to donate \$50.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all approved and authorized bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:25pm

Motions From Meeting of September 18, 2017

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