

## Reorganization Meeting January 6, 2014

Mayor Lucia announced that the 2014 Reorganization Meeting will begin with the swearing in of newly elected officials.

Magistrate Roger Eckels swore in the following newly elected Mount Pleasant Borough officials:

Gerald D. Lucia, Mayor  
Diane Bailey, Councilwoman  
John Caruso Jr., Councilman  
David Pritts, Councilman  
Susan Ruszkowski, Councilwoman  
Cynthia Stevenson, Councilwoman  
Paul Wagner, Councilman  
James Wojnar, Councilman  
Carol Yancosky, Tax Collector

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucia at 7:46pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops. Mayor Lucia directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman Bauer, Caruso, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, and Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Solicitor Wolfe was present. Mayor Lucia stated we have a quorum.

Mayor Lucia called for nominations for Council President. Councilwoman Bailey nominated Councilman Bauer. There were no other nominations. Councilman Bauer was elected Council President.

Mayor Lucia turned over the meeting to newly elected Council President Bauer.

President Bauer called for nominations for Council Vice-President. Councilwoman Ruszkowski nominated Councilwoman Stevenson. There were no other nominations. Councilwoman Stevenson was elected Council Vice-President.

President Bauer called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Councilman Jim Wojnar nominated Councilwoman Diane Bailey for President Pro-Tem. Councilwoman Stevenson nominated Councilman David Pritts. Councilman Pritts was not present to accept the nomination. There were no other nominations. Councilwoman Bailey was elected Council President Pro-Tem.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept the resignation of John Caruso Jr. for the Third Ward two-year council seat effective January 6, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer said that the Borough will advertise for a Third-Ward two-year councilman. Letters of intent will be accepted until 4pm on January 17, 2014. Interviews will be conducted beginning at 6pm before the regular council meeting on January 21, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain Tucker Arensberg Attorneys as Mount Pleasant Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain B.I.U. as Municipal Code Enforcement Officers for Mount Pleasant Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to retain Michael Ruszkowski to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board for Mount Pleasant Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Ruszkowski abstained.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to retain Mayor Gerald Lucia as Fire Chief/Fire Marshal for the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to retain Gerald Lucia as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to retain Bob Ceroni and Marc Taylor as Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to retain Mayor Gerald Lucia as Representative to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to retain Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson as Alternate Representative to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain Councilwoman Bailey and Councilman Wojnar as Representatives to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain Jeff Landy as alternate Representative to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to appoint Councilwoman Ruszkowski to the Tax Collection Committee. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to appoint Caprice Mills as alternate to the Tax Collection Committee. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to appoint Jeff Landy as second alternate to the Tax Collection Committee. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for Council meeting procedure. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to designate President, Vice President and Borough Manager as authorized signers for Borough fund accounts. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to designate depositories of Borough funds as PNC Bank, Standard Bank, First Niagara Bank and PLGIT. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer said that he will appoint committee chairmen and committee members at the next work session.

President Bauer said that there have been exciting meetings with developers who are interested in opening retail businesses in the Borough. President Bauer said that there is someone interested in opening a chain restaurant in the Borough. These things could be very good for Mount Pleasant.

Councilman Wagner questioned the fact that during the meeting there were board appointments made of individuals who were not present at the meeting, but when Councilman Pritts was nominated for President Pro-Tem his nomination was not accepted because he was not present. President Bauer explained that those were board and service appointments and not elections.

President Bauer reminded council members that they have to take the NIMS courses and be certified. Borough Manager Landy said that it is important that council members be NIMS certified in order to be eligible for FEMA and PEMA funds.

New council members Jack Caruso and Paul Wagner expressed interest in attending Newly Elected Municipal Officials Training. President Bauer said anyone interested in attending should contact the borough office.

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

**Meeting adjourned 8:06pm**