

May 6, 2019

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:00pm 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, Phillabaum, Smetak, and Ruszkowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Cholock arrived at 7:21pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment:

- Bo Chatfield of 114 Bryce Mansion Way, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666, head coach of Mount Pleasant Jr. Football program, spoke to Council requesting the use of the Mount Pleasant Soccer Fields from May 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. They have used the fields the last 4 years and have maintained the fields. Councilman Phillabaum stated that he has assisted with their flag program the past 3 years and it has worked well. Council approved that they may continue to use the field in exchange for the upkeep pending the league providing to the Borough a schedule and copy of the insurance.
- Rebecca Watkins of 324 N. Church Street, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666 spoke to Council regarding paper streets and alleys, specifically the paper alley behind the home that she owns. Solicitor Istik stated that this is a civil matter between the homeowners.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of April 2019:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	104
Criminal Arrests	4
DUI Arrests	1
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	13
Assist Other Departments (Police, Fire, EMS)	12
Accidents Investigated	3

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$207.55
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$70.00
District Court	\$754.23
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
 Total Revenue	 \$1,046.78

Mayor Lucia reported that there was a request by Ashley Barkovich for a handicap parking space on 28 N. Shupe Street. Captain George Grippo stated that a handicap parking can be installed at that location.

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Mayor Lucia reported that there will be a free Public Safety Seminar at the Westmoreland County Community College, May 22, 2019 from 8:00am – 3:00pm.

Solicitor's Report: None.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector, Carol Yancosky, read the following report for the month of March 2019:

Property Taxes	\$310,778.05
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 300.26
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 0.00
Total Collected	\$311,078.31

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- Attended and spoke at the County Public Meeting regarding the Stormwater Plan approval.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Phillabaum conducted interviews for Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent.
- Met with PA D.E.P. regarding mine subsidence insurance. They will be offering mine subsidence insurance to all residents in the Borough and surrounding communities.
- Council seat for 1st Ward is available. Letter / Resume is due by May 20, 2019, 3:00pm; Interviews will be held at 6:30pm on May 20, 2019 before the Council Meeting.
- Borough Manager Landy, Councilman Phillabaum and Andy Zelinsky met with Dan Copeland of South Church Street regarding tapping in to sewage line on South Church Street.
- Held regular weekly meetings with Street Department and Waste Water Treatment. Held a Manager's Meeting.
- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia will be attending a seminar regarding the Ethics Act for elected and appointed officials.
- Borough Manager Landy asked Council to please review the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual.

President's Report: None.

Property Report:

Councilman Smetak gave the following report:

- Met with Borough Manager Landy and was updated regarding any property issues.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report for April 2019:

- Applications are being received for the part-time Waste Water Treatment Plant Laborer position. Camera the main line in the Quarry Street area.

Home Inspections – 7

PA One Calls – 16

Emergency One Calls – 9

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Resolution No. 2019-04 to sell the 1988 Chevrolet Van in the amount of \$1,000.00 and to sell the 1988 GMC Dump Truck in the amount of \$2,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to amend the Agenda to advertise for paving, stormwater and sewage project. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to advertise for bids for South Church Street, Eagle Street, South Geary Street, College Avenue, Mullin Avenue, Jordan Street, Park Avenue and Parkview Terrace paving project with the addition of new stormwater lines on Eagle Street and South Church Street and sewage line on South Church Street using turnback money, liquid fuels money, waste water treatment funds and general fund money. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

Storm Water Management Report:

Councilman Cholock reported that Frank Puskar, Supervisor from Mount Pleasant Township, looked at Braddock Road Avenue where the water is running off; and, he reported that the line may need cleaned out.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the 2019 schedule of games at Frick Park for the Mount Pleasant Girls Softball league. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to bid and prepare specs for the Frick Park Basketball Court Pavement Rehabilitation using CDBG Funds of up to \$65,025.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzkowski to have a roll call vote to hire George Grippo as the Chief of Police for the Mount Pleasant Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Bailey	Yes
Councilman Cholock	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Smetak	Yes
Councilwoman Ruzkowski	Yes
President Caruso	Yes

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George Grippo was approved unanimously as the Chief of Police of the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Mayor Lucia swore in George Grippo as the Chief of Police.

Police Chief Grippo reported that parking permits are in. He also reported that parking meters have been ordered.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- There are 102 names for the tablet.
- Electrician has gotten the light that was needed. Cost is \$300.00
- The plaque in honor of John Rogacki is in and will be installed.
- Bob Hudec is ready to begin the cement.
- Welcomed new committee member Michael Smetak.

Borough Manager Landy said that Mr. Hudec will need the plaque to place it in the cement. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she believes they discussed that it will not be going in the cement and will be placed on a wall.

Borough Manager Landy stated that his thoughts are that there are no other plaques on the wall personally. They all represent a branch of government which was chosen by the original committee. Mr. Landy stated that Councilman John Rogacki belonged with the CB branch of the military, which did the construction before the war; and, what better way to honor the what he did than to put the plaque within the concrete construction part. Borough Manager Landy stated that he does not believe that the plaque should go on the wall since there are no other plaques on there to represent someone personally; and, it may open “a can of worms” so to speak in the future. Council President Caruso asked who makes the final decision. Borough Manager Landy stated that the committee brings suggestions to Council; and, it is Council that makes the final decision. Council President Caruso stated that the Veteran’s Park Committee will need to bring a suggestion and a motion to the next meeting.

Human Resources / Ordinances Report: None.

Finance & Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve moving the Borough of Mount Pleasant bank accounts from PNC Bank to Scottdale Bank & Trust, a division of Mid Penn Bank. Motion seconded Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia received a special recognition award from the PSAB for the Jeff and Jerry Show. The award will be given in June during PSAB annual seminar in Hershey, PA. Borough Manager Landy, Mayor Lucia and Rike Fike from Armstrong Cable will go to accept the award. Armstrong Cable will be filming the acceptance and possibly film a show while they are there. Council agreed that it is important that they attend the seminar to accept the award.

The Little League would like to have an additional handicap space at Willow Park Ball Field across from the concession stand.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant Library will be holding several events throughout the month. May 23, 2019 at 6:00pm Battlefield Guide Bill Pieszak will hold an informal Gettysburg Discussion Group.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey for a short recess from 8:13pm to 8:30pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Executive Session 8:30pm to 8:42pm.

Councilman Cholock thanked the Borough for donating to the Zilli Memorial Fund that was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Gallagher's. They raised approximately \$7,200.00. The monies will go towards a scholarship for someone attending the police academy to become a Police Officer.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20 pm

Motions from Meeting of May 6, 2019

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