

Meeting May 7, 2018

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, Rogacki, Ruskowski, Stevenson, and Yatsko. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of April 23, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia stated that stop signs have been installed on South Church Street. Mayor Lucia stated that the some of the reasons for the stop signs at the locations on South Church Street are due to ambulances and service trucks having to get in and out of Harmon House, employees of Harmon House crossing the street to the parking lot, Westmoreland Transit would not pick up at Ridgeview Apartments due to the difficulty of getting back onto Church Street and a speed issue. Mayor Lucia stated that the signs were not installed to control speed but for safety.

Mayor Lucia stated that a stop sign should be installed on Anne Street at the North Geary Intersection.

Mayor Lucia stated that there were 72 tickets issued on Friday, May 4, 2018 on Washington Street for parking the wrong direction. Mayor Lucia stated that since people have been parking different direction in the past, the tickets were going to be taken care of since the Officer was new to the department.

Mayor Lucia requested to attend the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association Conference, July 19 – 22, 2018 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mayor Lucia stated that the costs are \$225.00 for registration and lodging is at Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square and the room rate is \$139.00 per night.

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Solicitor's Report: None.

Borough Manager Landy asked Solicitor Istik is she has any information on the Pension. Solicitor Istik stated that she has left several messages for Steve Vaughn regarding PMRS and has not received any return calls. Borough Manager Landy stated that Steve Vaughn is for the non-uniformed pension; and, that he will have the Police send her the information for the uniformed pension.

Tax Collector Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of April 2018:

Property Taxes = \$333,785.40
Per Capita Taxes = \$ 121.00
Total Collected = \$333,906.40

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky stated that the Borough had no tax exonerations issued this month by the County of Westmoreland. Tax Collector Carol Yancosky stated that they do owe Westmorland County Land Bank a total of \$48.46 for 2 properties.

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a representative in attendance at this evenings meeting for the Girls Softball League. Mr. Landy stated that there is a grill at the Jr. Football League Practice field, which use to be the old soccer field. Mr. Landy stated that he checked with a representative of the Jr. Football League and they are not going to be using the grill anymore. Borough Manager Landy stated that according to the Girls Softball League, the Girls Soccer League stated that they do not own the grill and that the grill is owned by the Borough. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Girls Softball League would like to purchase the grill from the Borough.

Borough Council stated that the Girls Softball League can use the grill with the agreement that they would maintain it.

- Borough Manager Landy stated that there was a request from a gentleman that No Parking signs be placed on one side of the street on North Geary and South Geary Streets during the community yard sale. Mayor Lucia stated that he will have the Police Department put no parking signs up during the yard sale.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he has received a request from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Mr. Landy stated that the Mount Pleasant Cemetery subdivided their property; and, that there is a piece of property next to Quarry Street containing approximately 2.7 acres that the Mount Pleasant Cemetery would like to know if the Borough would like to purchase the property in the amount of \$40,000.00. Councilman Rogacki asked if the property is the same property that was going to have the detention pond installed. Councilwoman Bailey stated that yes, it is the same property the detention pond was going to be installed on. Borough Manager Landy stated agreed it is the same property; however, they don’t want to sell a portion of the property, that they want to sell the whole 2.7 acres. Councilman Rogacki stated that the Borough should have Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC look at the property to see if it is feasible to purchase and place a detention pond on it. Councilwoman Bailey stated she will contact Mike Barrick.
- Borough Manager Landy said that there is an on-going Workers’ Comp claim. Mr. Landy stated that he spoke with the attorney; and, is presenting a proposal to have the individual come back and do some of the survey work with the Waste Water Treatment to follow-up with the cards that were sent to residents regarding downspouts, sump pumps and sewage lines. Once the doctor signs off on the proposal, the individual can begin work.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that the East End Festival may have to be moved to another date. Mr. Landy stated that there are people that want to be on the committee; but, they cannot get a time to get everyone together.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that they have received a deal through Verizon for GPS’ for all of the Borough vehicles. Mr. Landy stated that Council President Caruso will be installing them.

- Borough Manager Landy stated that he has received the Tablets for the Street Department and Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Landy said that they have been testing them and downloading information to them. Borough Manager Landy stated that they have met with Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. about downloading some of their maps to the tablets. Mr. Landy said the tablets are working out well.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that he has a meeting with Blue Otter on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Blue Otter is the company that is creating an app for the Street Department and Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Borough Manager Landy met with Bobby Karfelt, Jr. Mr. Karfelt is still interested in purchasing the property at the Levin property. Mr. Landy and Council President Caruso met with Mr. Karfelt and his wife and spoke about various arrangements for the lease agreement.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he has received correspondence from KU Resources, Inc. stating once DEP signs off on the final report for the former Levin Property on Bridgeport Street, the Levin Property will be ready.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he has received a request that someone would like to purchase or receive one of the old traffic signals that is being taken down. Borough Manager stated that he will speak with the contractor at PennDOT to see if the Borough receives the lights once they are removed.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he met with Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. along with Andy Zelinsky and Councilman Rogacki.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he has spoken with 4 phone companies regarding a new phone system for the Borough Building.
- Borough Manager Landy provided to Council a copy of the G-16 Conference Agenda. Mr. Landy asked Council to let him know how many will be attending the sessions for the G-16 Conference.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that the Westmoreland County Comprehensive Planning is holding a “Reimaging Our Westmoreland” meeting on May 14, 2018 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Rumbaugh Elementary School.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that there are several educational seminars for employees that he can go over with each department to see if any employee should attend.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that a trip should be made to Cranberry to look at the possibility of purchasing a dump truck.

President’s Report:

Council President Caruso stated that there will be maps for the Community Yard Sale being held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 8:00am – 3:00pm. Residents can call the Borough Office to have their address added to the map. The maps can be picked up at 401 Washington Street or at Caruso’s Garage. Council President Caruso stated that there will be signs made stating where residents can pick up the maps.

Council President Caruso stated that they are still looking for a 3rd Ward Councilperson. Any person from 3rd Ward that is interested can leave a resume at the Borough Office.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Rogacki gave the following WWT Report for the month of April 2018:

- Met with East Huntingdon Township regarding the Quarry Street Overflow along with the Engineering Company that calibrates the amount of flow. Councilman Rogacki stated that this was beneficial because there is less flow going into the Quarry Street Pump Station than originally thought.
- Adjusted the Time on the Church Clock.
- Uncovered the fountain at Veterans Park and began installing new lighting.
- Met with Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. regarding the G.I.S. Mapping Program; and, if it can be used with the new tablets the Borough is purchasing. Borough Manager Landy stated that they will be downloading some information that they already have available. Mr. Landy stated that if the Borough continues with the program and update the software, there will be a license fee that will be on-going and need to be paid every year.
- Camera and Jetted for the Borough of Everson.
- Had a new spring and wire replaced on the Push Camera repaired by Hanes Supply, Inc. formerly McJunkin of Pittsburgh, PA.

Home Inspections – 10
PA One Calls – 71
Emergency One Calls – 13

Councilman Rogacki stated that they are averaging approximately 70 PA One Calls per month. Borough Manager Landy stated that it is a state law that you must respond to a PA One Call. Mr. Landy stated that with the tablets that the Borough is purchasing it will hopefully prevent a second trip to the area where the PA One Call is due to someone not understanding the markings for the PA One Call.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following Street Department recap report for April 2018:

- Met with Rick Skovensky from Municipal Services, affiliated with PennDOT, and he measured some of the roads that was discussed previously for paving this year. He has sent a report stating the costs for the paving of the streets would be \$147,771.00. The \$147,771.00 does include tar and chipping. The Street Committee will review the report, narrow down what streets they feel should be paved since the budget for paving is \$100,000.00; and, make a presentation to Council. Borough Manager Landy suggested the possibility of having the same company that is doing the Bridgeport Street Project and S. Church Street do the additional paving projects possibly saving a substantial amount of money by using one company to do all the paving; however, there may be an issue with getting the streets paved in a timely manner.

Councilman Rogacki requested that the streets be paved instead of tar and chipping. He stated that the tar and chipping is not holding up. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the tar and chipping is to maintain and preserve the street or alley until there is enough funding in the future to pave the street or alley. Councilman Rogacki stated that the storm drains fill up with gravel from the tar and chipping even though the streets are swept.

- Stop signs have been installed on S. Church Street and College Avenue; and on S. Church Street and Hemlock Street.
- Hot mix is in and potholes are being patched.
- The Street Department will be pulling storm grates and cleaning the storm drains.

- The Street Department will be doing work at the parks.
- The work has begun on the rain gardens.

Public Safety Report:

Borough Manager Landy stated that he received a letter from Margaret Tinkey requesting a handicap parking sign at 423 W. Smithfield Street.

Councilman Rogacki stated that all the meters and signs are now gone in front of the VFW on Main Street. Mayor Lucia stated that the construction company had taken all the meters and signs down and took them to their worksite. Police Chief Sam went and confirmed that the meters were at the worksite. Mayor Lucia stated that over the weekend the worksite was robbed; and the meters along with the money that was in the meters were taken. Mayor Lucia stated that the construction company will be responsible for them; and, Police Chief Sam is following up on the situation.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski read the following Fire Reports:

February 2018

Total calls – 60
 10-45's – 22
 Entrapment calls - 1
 Fires – 9
 AFA's – 5
 Public service calls – 17
 Standby's – 1
 Turnpike calls – 5
 Total members answering – 991
 Average member per call – 18
 Total staff hours – 1432

March 2018

Total calls – 45
 10-45's – 15
 Entrapment calls - 1
 Fires – 14
 AFA's – 9
 Public service calls – 2
 Turnpike calls – 4
 Total members answering – 578
 Average member per call – 14
 Total staff hours – 398

Councilman Rogacki stated that there is a meeting for Medic 10 on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Borough Manager Landy stated that the 2010 Ford Explorer has been transferred from the Police Department to Medic 10. Councilman Rogacki stated that they need to sell the wrecked Medic 10 squad car. Solicitor Istik stated that they will need to get estimates of the value of the vehicle for it to be sold at Fair Market Value.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that Council will need to look for a Code Enforcement Officer as soon as possible due to high grass/weed violations now that it is getting nice out. Borough Manager Landy and the Police Department have been currently handling the Property Maintenance Violations.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that Borough Manager Landy has been in contact with the community that was willing to excavate. They are hoping to be able to come within the next two (2) weeks to excavate; and, once excavation is complete, the Street Department is prepared to install the playground equipment.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that the baby swing has been installed at the Medic 10 Park.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she and Borough Manager Landy were at the Park on Geary Street and looked at the boat along with other equipment there; and, there are plans to take care of it.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Rogacki stated that they have been working on the new lighting for the fountain at Veterans Park. Councilman Rogacki thanked the Street Department for moving gravel to do the necessary pulling of the wiring. Councilman Rogacki stated that instead of putting everything into one (1) piece of conduit, they have decided to run a separate circuit for the Christmas Tree next to the fountain, so they will not all be put into the same box.

Councilman Rogacki stated that they are waiting on a bid from Jeff King of King Electric on the upgrade of the box next to the gazebo; and, should have it within a week or so.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to authorize Integration Fees in the amount of \$881.28 to Industry Weapons for the replacement of the temperature monitor, power outlet, installation of a network router and EDID minder for the Digital Wall at Veterans Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that she will need to meet with Solicitor Istik to go over a few issues regarding contracts.

Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki stated that they have begun to paint in the offices on the first floor.

Councilman Rogacki stated that they are waiting for cost estimate for the electrical work of grounding the receptacles on the first floor.

Councilman Rogacki stated that there is a rug that needs repaired on the first floor; and, will be looking to get an estimate for the repair.

Councilman Rogacki stated that there was an issue of ants and bees at the Borough Building which have been taken care of by Safeway Pest Control.

Storm Water Management Report:

Borough Manager Landy stated that he is concerned that not much has been done since speaking with Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC regarding the flooding and stormwater issues; and, wanted to know if any further solutions have been presented by Mr. Barrick. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there have not been any other solutions presented or a timeline. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Conservation District went to one of the apartment complexes and had them clean out their catch basins. Councilman Rogacki said that he believes things are being done; and, the Mr. Barrick was going to be speaking individually with the property owners on St. Clair Street in the area that was flooding. Borough Manager Landy said that he would like to keep this moving forward to get it accomplished in a timely manner.

Councilman Rogacki suggested that Borough Manager Landy contact Mr. Barrick to follow-up to see where he is at this point. Councilwoman Bailey stated that Mr. Barrick was to meet with the Officers of Falcons Field along with neighboring property owners. Borough Manager Landy said he doesn't want to lose the momentum in getting the flooding issue resolved. Councilwoman Bailey stated she will contact Mr. Barrick, see where is at with the situation; and, possibly set up a meeting.

New Business:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to Amend the Agenda to make a Motion to send Councilwoman Stevenson and Councilman Yatsko to attend a PSAB Training for Rental Property Inspection Management on May 30, 2018 held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 700 Power Line Drive, Greensburg, PA. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 5-1. Councilman Rogacki voting No.

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Mayor Lucia requested Borough Manager Landy to send a letter to Greenwood Apartments suggesting that they put a sign at the intersection of Jefferson and Lincoln Avenue pointing to where the apartments are located. Mayor Lucia stated that people are missing the turn and going to a dead-end road.

Mayor Lucia asked Borough Manager Landy if the Borough has heard from Westmoreland County regarding the rain gardens at Greenwood Apartments. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough had heard back from the County; and, that Greenwood Apartments did clean it all up.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he has received a request from Republic Waste to move the garbage pick-up day from Tuesday to Friday. They would like to move it due to their routing and planning for pick-ups. Council President Caruso asked that a stipulation be added that if it does not work for Friday pick-up that we can move back to Tuesdays. Councilman Yatsko suggested that when Republic Waste changes from Tuesday to Friday that they do pick-up on both days so there isn't a large amount of trash sitting out.

Borough Manager Landy stated that eWaste collection will begin June 1, 2018.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- PennDOT has a Safe Driver free workshop on May 15, 2018 8:00am – 12:00pm, Cambria County, Penn Highlands Community College, Ebensburg, PA
- Mount Pleasant Library will be holding a Bike Ride to May Mart at West Overton Village and Museums in Scottdale on May 12, 2018 at 10:00am on the Mount Pleasant

Coal & Coke Trail. Riders will meet at the trail head at American Architectural Salvage, 23 W. Main Street, Mount Pleasant.

- Mount Pleasant Library will be holding an event at the Library on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:30pm regarding Learn How to Help the Monarchs.
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding a Dinner and Meeting on May 24, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Westmoreland Conservation Donohoe Center Education Building. This is its regular business meeting due to the March meeting being cancelled because of the bad weather. The program will be with Chelsea Gross, West Nile Virus Program Technician.
- Safety Meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:00am.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Public Comment:

Gerard Rendine of Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding a poker crawl fundraiser in memory of his father-in-law to be held Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Kosciuszko Club, Assunta, VFW, the Filling Station and back to Kosciuszko Club. Cost is \$25.00 pre-registration and \$30.00 at the door. Last year they raised \$1,000.00 for the National Melanoma Foundation; and, purchased 5 Tablets for the Arnold Palmer Cancer Center in Latrobe, PA.

Mr. Rendine spoke to Council regarding the Digital Wall and asked how many people have signed up for the Digital Wall and what was the cost for the Digital Wall. Councilman Rogacki stated that there are 18 people signed up for the Digital Wall and the cost was \$50,000.00. Councilman Rogacki stated that they are working on getting the Digital Wall to operate correct. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there is only 1 other one in the Country and something to be proud of and that we should be maintaining it and getting it to work correctly. Councilman Rogacki stated that due to the downtime of the Digital Wall people lost interest in subscribing to adding a name to it. Councilman Rogacki stated that they are doing some updates to the software in the Digital Wall; and, that will hopefully generate interest in people wanting to add names to the Digital Wall.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm

Motions from Meeting of May 7, 2018

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