

## Meeting May 20, 2019

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:02pm 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, Ruszkowski, Yatsko, and President Caruso. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Cholock arrived at 7:22PM.

President Caruso called for nominations to fill the First Ward Council Seat vacated by Cindy Stevenson. Councilwoman Ruszkowski nominated Diana Lasko.

A Motion was made by Councilman Ruszkowski to appoint Diana Lasko to fill the First Ward Council Seat vacated by the resignation of Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Diana Lasko was appointed unanimously to fill the vacant First Ward Council Seat. Councilwoman Lasko was sworn in by Mayor Lucia.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of May 6, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

### Public Comment:

David Pritts of 926 Washington Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the cell towers that were installed along Main Street.

**Speakers: None.**

### Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia spoke about digital signs.

Mayor Lucia reported that it is EMS Week and thanked our EMS providers.

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report was held in Executive Session.

### Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2019:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Apr-19</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Prev Bal</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2019</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	166,345.71	166,695.17	224,962.25	108,078.63
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-5062-1555	639,504.89	22,451.76	126,877.94	535,078.71
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	653,931.57	30,110.63	0.00	684,042.20
**Police		42,619.03			
**Streets		150,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		220,989.56			
**Infrastructure		131,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		21,271.93			
** Frick Park Gas					
Well		21,312.77			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		60,000.00			
**K-9		13,803.76			
**Marcellus Impact					
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	19,493.52	862.86	572.08	19,784.30

Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	4,203.70	40.00	0.00	4,243.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	293,432.83	536.95	3,343.01	290,626.77
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
	Standard Bank				
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,807.48	0.08	0.00	1,807.56
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	567.36	77,446.51	52,803.11	25,210.76
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	16,236.84	0.00	0.00	16,236.84
	Standard Bank				
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	615.21	0.03	0.00	615.24
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,197.06	0.00	0.00	1,197.06
	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	397,194.13	369.66	25,996.06	371,567.73
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	202,702.98	0.00	0.00	202,702.98
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Scottsdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottsdale Bank 318007294	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,368,035.33</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	64,948.04	61,620.58	42,151.60	84,417.02
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	128,115.76	1,021.22	0.00	129,136.98
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,896.26	0.26	0.00	5,896.52
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	7,438.92	0.00	0.00	7,438.92
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,223.78	0.00	0.00	18,223.78
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>250,113.22</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	569,408.24	43.24	73,586.79	495,864.69
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,377.80	29.82	0.00	181,407.62
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,302.56	20,022.14	0.00	139,324.70
**Contingency		111,854.88			
**Infrastructure		27,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	86,928.26	17,788.94	0.00	104,717.20
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>921,314.21</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>3,539,462.76</b>

Councilwoman Diane Bailey / Secretary Sharon Lesko

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### Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Street Department will be working night shift to fix a large hole on North Church Street.
- Met with Councilman Smetak.
- Baker's Waterproofing will be coming to waterproof the 1<sup>st</sup> floor on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.
- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia attended an Ethics Act for Elected and Appointed Officials.

### President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to approve mileage, tolls and the fee of \$90.00 for Mayor Lucia, Borough Manager Landy and Rick Fike of Armstrong Cable to attend the PSAB Annual Conference Awards Luncheon Ceremony on Tuesday, July 11, 2019 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center for the acceptance of the Special Recognition Award for the Jeff and Jerry Show. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to amend the Agenda to approve additional fuel costs for Republic Services. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski for an executive session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Executive Session 7:55pm to 8:26pm.

### **Public Safety Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to hire Olivia Harshell as a full-time Police Officer at a rate of \$19.00 per hour effective June 17, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Lucia swore in Officer Olivia Harshell.

Mayor Lucia stated that he was happy to swear in Olivia Harshell as the first full-time female Police Officer to be hired by the Borough.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2019:

Total Calls - 40  
10-45's - 12  
Entrapment Calls - 2  
Fires - 13  
Public Service Calls - 6  
AFA's - 8  
Drills - 1  
Standby's - 3  
Turnpike Calls - 4  
Total Members Answering - 585  
Avg. Member Per Call - 14  
Total Staff Hours - 332

### **Property:**

Councilman Smetak gave the following Property Report:

- Bakers Waterproofing will begin the waterproofing on the first floor of the Borough Building on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 9:00am.
- Jamie Kunkle will complete the project once Bakers Waterproofing has completed their portion of it.

Council President Caruso asked about the work being done on the restrooms at Frick Park. Borough Manager Landy stated that they found that the roof was leaking and needed replaced. The ceilings inside needed replaced due to water damage from the roof leaking.

### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to execute a 2-year contract with CWM Environmental at \$1,500.00 per month for 1 day a week to operate the waste water treatment

plant; additional services will be \$85.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hire Raymond Murphy part-time for the Waste Water Treatment Plant at \$12.00 per hour, 32 hours per week, pending a background check, drug test and physical. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Streets / Stormwater Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the rental of equipment and operator for a period of not more than 8 hours from Justin James Excavating, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$560.00 for the North Church Street Project. Project will be expensed against line item 437.20, unbudgeted expenses. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager Landy spoke with Robert Regola regarding the South Church Street Project. Mr. Regola stated that Dawood Engineering is waiting on information from Chuck Zelenak. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she spoke with Brandon from Dawood Engineering previously and he never mentioned that he was waiting on information. Councilwoman Bailey stated she has 2 calls into Dawood Engineering and is waiting for a return call to see what information they need.

Councilman Cholock stated that he had a parent request a yield to pedestrians near the concession stand at the ballfield at Willow Park. Mayor Lucia stated that the little league field is in the Township and that we have no jurisdiction there.

Councilman Cholock gave the following report regarding Stormwater:

- He would like the Borough to hire an engineer to look into at least three (3) high priority locations, Braddock Road Avenue and the road above the cemetery, with water issues. Borough Manager Landy said he believes it is a good idea; however, when the Borough does not own the property, it makes it difficult to tell the property owner they are wrong. Borough Manager Landy stated it is a good idea to pick areas and correct the issues when it is not on private property. Councilman Cholock stated that stormwater has been discussed for two (2) years. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the areas are on private property. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Borough can only repair Borough property. Council President Caruso suggested the stormwater committee have a meeting, get a plan, and contact Chuck Zelenak to see if there is something he can help with.

### **Parks and Recreation:**

Councilman Phillabaum asked if advertising has been done for the Basketball Courts. Borough Manger Landy reported that he has talked with Mike Barrick and he is preparing the package; and, advertising cannot be done until the package is complete. He believes he should have it no later than this coming Wednesday.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the 2019 schedule of games at the Willow Park Field for the Mount Pleasant Little League from May 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the schedules should be looked at more closely since there are parking issues at the park.

### **Veterans Park:**

Councilman Smetak reported that there will be a meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2019. There will be a dedication ceremony on the plaque for Councilman Rogacki on Memorial Day.

### **Human Resources / Ordinances:**

Borough Manager Landy stated that Councilman Cholock asked about parking boats and trailers on streets. Borough Manager Landy stated that we do not have an Ordinance for this and he does not believe that the Motor Vehicles Code covers it unless the Borough has an Ordinance.

Borough Manager Landy also stated that the Signage Ordinance should also be reviewed.

**Finance / Grants Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the contract with Century Insurance Consultants for liability insurance, etc. for an annual premium of \$42,232.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

**New Business:** None.

**Reading of Communications:**

- There will be an East Coast Slingshot Tournament on Friday, May 31, 2019 through June 1, 2019 with awards on June 2, 2019 at the East Huntingdon Sportsman's Club.
- Westmoreland County Children's Bureau is hosting a Foster Care Awareness and Recruitment Event on May 29, 2019 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Westmoreland County Courthouse. The event is free and open to the public.
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its monthly Dinner and Meeting on May 23, 2019, 6:30PM at the Westmoreland Conservation District on Donohoe Road, Greensburg.
- Received the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority Audit.
- West Overton Village and Museum will be holding a WWII Victory Ball on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 5:30PM – 8:00PM, dinner and dance. Cost is Veterans - \$30.00 and General Public - \$40.00.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Public Comment:** None.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm.**

## Motions from Meeting of May 20, 2019

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