

Meeting July 2, 2018

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, Barnes, Cholock, Phillabaum, Rogacki, Ruszkowski, and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Mary Kaufman, Director of the Mount Pleasant Library, addressed Council to thank the Borough for supporting the Library. Ms. Kaufman stated that they have extended the Library hours. Ms. Kaufman reported that they have received three (3) new computers from the Mount Pleasant Rotary and have free wifi. They also have a big screen television.
- Gary Cernicky with Otis Elevator spoke to Council regarding recommendations for upgrades to the elevator in the Borough Building.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia thanked Council and the community for helping and supporting the Mount Pleasant Annual Fireman's Fair.

Mayor Lucia reported the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for the Fire Department was due July 1, 2018. They have received 2 quotes. One with Higbee Insurance for an amount of \$24,770.00; and, the second quote was from Century Insurance Consultants for an amount of \$17,054.00.

Mayor Lucia asked for thoughts and prayers for the families that lost everything in a house fire on Silver Street. Mayor Lucia reported that the Fire Marshall along with a State Boiler Inspector was going to inspect the property. Mayor Lucia stated that the house was a rental unit.

Solicitor's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to Amend the Agenda to hold an Executive Session as requested by the Solicitor. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Bailey to hold an Executive Session as requested by the Solicitor. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:23pm to 8:06pm

Solicitor Istik announced that the Executive Session was held to discuss legal issues, personnel issues.

Solicitor Istik stated that the solution they have come up with is to ask Borough residents to help in assisting them with the flooding problems by removing the downspouts that go into the ground and having them drain above ground. Solicitor Istik stated inspectors are going around the Borough inspecting the downspouts. Ms. Istik also reported that the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be doing an inspection for external cleanouts; and, if you do not have an external

cleanout, the homeowner must allow access to the member of the Borough or person from the Waste Water Treatment Plant into the home to inspect around the toilet or possibly the basement to be certain everything is working and functioning properly. Solicitor Istik state that in the event the homeowner does not want someone from the Borough or person from the Waste Water Treatment Plant the Borough will be requiring that an external cleanout be installed.

Borough Manager Landy made a clarification that when the employee from the Waste Water Treatment Plant enters the house they may have to camera the lines where a removed toilet is at instead of having an external cleanout installed.

Council President Caruso stated that the purpose for all of this is to alleviate stormwater into the sanitary sewer system.

Tax Collector Report:

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

Property Taxes =	\$38,843.00
Per Capita Taxes =	\$ 324.50
Total Collected =	\$39,167.50

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky reported that the Mount Pleasant Area School District is changing the Per Capita collections for 2018/2019 school year. Collections will be from August 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy had meetings with three (3) individuals from a business on the East End of town concerning issues regarding egress on to the State Highway. Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia also spoke with PennDOT. Borough Manager Landy stated that Solicitor Istik advised him that this is not a Borough matter. Solicitor Istik confirmed that this is not a Borough matter.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Stevenson, due to the new rule regarding a possible survey requirement for a zoning permit, went to a resident's home to measure the property for the installation of a pool.
- Borough Manager Landy and President Caruso met with Mark Szewcow of Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. and applied for an ARLE (Automated Red Light Enforcement) Program Grant. If the Grant is accepted the lights will be at Medic 10, upgraded at Ramsay Elementary, certain stop signs with LED Lights and reflectors, the crosswalk at Levins, and the Fire Department. They also applied for portable speed bumps that will slow traffic down.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Rogacki held interviews for Waste Water Treatment Plant. Borough Manager Landy stated that there was a good candidate. Mr. Landy stated that he would like Council to consider hiring a public works employee that would possibly be able to cover multiple departments when needed.
- Had a Managers Meeting and communication is well between the departments.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Bailey went to Frick Park and Willows Park to look at work that needs to be done.
- Attended a Smart Growth Meeting. The meeting looks at how a community can grow.
- Attended a meeting with Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County with Councilwoman Barnes and Councilman Rogacki regarding MAWC billing breakdown; and, charging a fee to put information on the bill.

- Party in the Park will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018. Fireworks will be at approximately 10:00pm.
- Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC is working with the Township on a grant to do the restoration project of Shupes Run. Since some of this runs through the Borough, Mr. Barrick needs a Land Use Permit.

Received a letter from the County of Westmoreland asking for a letter supporting the Laurel Valley Connector Project which will be a road bypassing S.R. 0030 and run from the Latrobe Airport, through the Township and ending on State Route 819 near the Fox's Pizza in Mount Pleasant. Borough Manager Landy stated that there has not been a study done to see if this will affect the Borough of Mount Pleasant. President Caruso called for a roll call vote as to whether or not to sign the letter of support.

Councilwoman Bailey	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilman Cholock	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Rogacki	Yes
Councilwoman Ruzkowski	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	No
Councilman Yatsko	Absent
President Caruso	Yes

The vote was 7 Yes and 1 Nay and 1 Absent.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzkowski to appoint Kevin Laskey to the Business District Authority to fill the vacancy of Director Jason Wisniewski of his remaining term expiring on 12/31/2019. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$54,000.00 for software for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Landy is scheduling a meeting with Blue Otter to see if they can produce software for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and submit a bid.

Home Inspections – 8
 PA One Calls – 69
 Emergency One Calls – 14

Streets Report:

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

- They have received information from PennDOT on the Winter Municipal Snow Removal Agreement for the upcoming winter. This will be for Main Street, the north side of Church Street and Diamond Street; and, the amount will be \$10,976.52.
- There was a misunderstanding on the costs not realizing that there was only a certain amount of dollars for the S. Church Street and Bridgeport Street paving projects together and not individually; and, the total cost that the Engineering company submitted for both projects is Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$54,200) Dollars. The budget that PennDOT gave was Forty-Five Thousand (\$45000.00) Dollars. A meeting was held with Councilwoman Bailey, Borough Manager, Dawood Engineering, and Mr. Regola; and there was an agreement with the Dawood Engineering to lower the cost to \$49,755.00. The Borough will pay the additional costs to make up the difference.

Mayor Lucia asked Councilwoman Bailey when S. Church Street and Bridgeport Street will be paved. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the S. Church Street and Bridgeport Street projects will not be started until next year. Mayor Lucia suggested that since they will not be paved until next year that they should do something to S. Church Street in front of the library and near Frick Hospital. Borough Manager Landy suggested contacting Dawood Engineering to possibly repair the two (2) areas mentioned.

- The sand has been removed and they are working at opening the smaller piece of equipment and hopefully within the next week they can get the gravel, the pea gravel and move the fencing to encompass only where the new equipment will be going in at Frick Park.
- Street painting has begun today and street sweeping is continuing.
- The Street Department would like to establish a schedule for brush pick up.

Councilwoman Bailey spoke about the PSAB meeting that she attended; and, one of the issues that was discussed was regarding stormwater at other municipalities. Ms. Bailey stated that some of the municipalities have a fee that they charge their residents for stormwater.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock reported that the required testing will begin on Saturday for the hiring of a full-time Police Officer.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to allow the Westmoreland County Drug & Alcohol Commission the use of Frick Park for the National Night Out on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes stated that their meeting will be held this Thursday, July 5, 2018. They will be discussing the costs to add six columns of names to the tablets.

Councilwoman Barnes read a thank you card from Elgin Panichelle for the event that was held in June at the Veteran's Wall.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzkowski to ratify the agreement with Century Insurance Consultants Insurance retroactive to July 1, 2018 for the 2018-2019 Volunteer Fire Department's Property and Casualty Insurance at a cost of \$17,054.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki reported that he has received a quote for the moving of the generator from inside the Borough Municipal Building to outside from TP Electric; and, he is waiting on a bid from PALCO. Mr. Rogacki also reported that TP Electric stated that should any parts on this generator that there are no parts available due to the age of the generator.

Storm Water Management Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to Amend the Agenda to approve the Land Use Planning Form and Landowner Letter of Commitment from Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley

Environmental, LLC for the purpose of improving water quality on Shupes Run. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

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New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Mount Pleasant Library will have personal trainer, Rob Copenhaver, speaking about improving movement and reducing pain on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 12:30pm.
- Received a letter from the Executive Director of PennDOT regarding the missing parking meters. PennDOT responded that they will be meeting with the contractor. Borough Manager Landy gave the letter to Solicitor Istik in the event that she would need to follow up.
- Pennsylvania State Extension of Westmoreland County, part of Smart Growth, will hold a Summer picnic will be held on August 2, 2018 at Twin Lakes, Park Pavilion 5.
- There will be a pump school held in Moon Township at the Hilton Garden. Borough Manager Landy stated that he will give it to Andy and possibly send him to the pump school.
- There will be an upcoming seminar called Cabinet in Your Community at the University of Pittsburgh – Greensburg on Monday July 30, 2018 at 11:00am.
- Received an invitation to National Night Out at Northmoreland Park on August 8, 2018.
- U.S. Municipal Customer Appreciation Day on August 23, 2018 from 10:00am to 2:00pm held at Cedar Creek Park, 453 Evergreen Drive, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

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 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:13pm

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