

Meeting September 23, 2019

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by Vice President Bailey 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Vice President Bailey asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. Vice President Bailey asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Phillabaum, Lasko, and Ruskowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. Vice President Bailey stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- The Glass Festival will be the last weekend in September. There will be additional security.
- Everything is good with Medic 10 and the Fire Department.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held during Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Aug-19			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2019
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	66,026.45	23,408.19	0.00	89,434.64
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-5062-1555	48.09	0.00	48.09	0.00
	Scottdale Bank				
General Fund Checking	19069335	920,185.23	109,534.38	114,936.30	914,783.31
General Fund Budgetary	Standard Bank				
Reserve	321615	688,546.65	1,002.29	0.00	689,548.94
**Police	42,619.03				
**Streets	150,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	225,156.10				
**Infrastructure	131,588.62				
**BOMP Gas Wells	21,680.23				
** Frick Park Gas Well	22,219.67				
**Levins	970.06				
**Fire	60,000.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13	21,486.47				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank				
	1026616	23,516.24	0.00	572.08	22,944.16
	PNC Bank 10-2912-				
Escrow Account	6867	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Scottdale Bank				
Escrow Account	19069343	8,256.97	11.88	0.00	8,268.85
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	287,677.66	499.21	0.00	288,176.87
	Standard Bank				
Monument CD	327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
	Standard Bank				
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,807.78	0.08	0.00	1,807.86
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	934.52	44,053.79	44,050.12	938.19
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	16,936.84	100.00	0.00	17,036.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	615.31	0.03	0.00	615.34
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888- 4556	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,199.12	1.72	0.00	1,200.84
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766- 4491	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turn Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	376,159.40	541.05	0.00	376,700.45
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank Standard Bank 410571	202,702.98	0.00	0.00	202,702.98
Standard Bank CD	410571	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318007294	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Total General Fund Balance					2,721,002.12
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010176010	2,809.78	0.00	0.00	2,809.78
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	152,409.64	47,985.54	84,480.34	115,914.84
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank PNC Bank 10-1516- 8804	73,625.09	105.90	0.00	73,730.99
Medic 10 Money Market	8804	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	5,905.22	8.49	0.00	5,913.71
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	7,431.99	0.00	0.00	7,431.99
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
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					229,025.09
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0010175932	641,553.90	88,204.43	40,833.97	688,924.36
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	182,251.78	258.68	0.00	182,510.46
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	139,973.03	198.67	0.00	140,171.70
**Contingency	112,701.88				
**Infrastructure	27,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	133,055.84	1,043.59	0.00	134,099.43
Total WWT Balance					1,145,705.95
Total Borough funds					4,095,733.16

Councilwoman Diane Bailey / Secretary Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 5-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- The Frick Park Basketball Court Project is 90% complete. Lines still need to be painted. They have to wait to paint for 2 – 4 weeks. Once they dug up the court, they found that the Court had an underdrain. There was an additional layer of asphalt or concrete that no one knew about. The paving company believed that the water issue was coming from the front side of the court; and, not necessarily the alley side. They have now added drains throughout the court so no matter where the water comes from it will drain. The paving company stated that there was a type of material used on the court years ago and that material was holding the water. Everything was removed and redone. They paving

company stated that this will last for many years. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a drain on the corner of the court and on a corner of the library that they tied into so no water will be going onto the blacktop or onto the grass. It goes down to Church Street. Borough Manager Landy stated that Expert Paving from Donegal, PA did a good job.

- Borough Manager Landy, Roger Vincent and Joe Lovis, both from the Waste Water Treatment Plant, attended a seminar on Thursday, September 17, 2019 in Uniontown, PA. It was basic information for a waste water treatment plant; and, was a good seminar.
- Attended a Medic 10 meeting. They are doing well.
- Held regular monthly safety meeting. Council is welcome to attend. By holding the safety meetings, the Borough receives 5% off of the Worker's Comp Insurance.
- Held a meeting with Council President Caruso, Bob Regola and Enviro21. Enviro21 does bidding for municipalities for reverse auctions. Looking into using Enviro21 for possibly bidding the garbage contract.
- 9/11 Tribute went well. Mayor Lucia stated that we need to reach out to try and get more in attendance.
- Veteran's Park held the ceremony for the unveiling of the new tablet.
- The water leak at the fountain at Veteran's Park is fixed.
- Pleasant Manor completed their catch basin project along their driveway.
- Received an email from Nicole Hillen asking to be let out of her lease early.
- Received reassessment appeals for taxes.

President's Report:

Council Vice President Bailey reminded Council to please let the Secretary, Sharon Lesko, know by Wednesday, September 25, 2019 if they will be riding in the Glass Festival Parade. Anyone riding in the parade is to pick up their own candy and signs on Friday at the Borough Building.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski for an Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Executive Session 7:26pm to 8:05pm.

Property:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to amend the Agenda to approve the request of Nicole Hillen to not hold her to her lease. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the request of Nicole Hillen to end her lease prematurely on September 31, 2019 without penalty. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following Property Report:

- The gazebo cannot be fixed before the end of the year. They will work on getting it fixed in the Spring of 2020.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the Quarry Street Pump Station Project in the amount of \$175,685.00 with Gibson Thomas Engineering Co. Funding for the project will be as follows: \$82,500.00 from Waste Water Treatment Savings, \$12,500.00 from Waste Water Treatment Budgetary Reserve; and \$80,685.00 borrowed from the Borough of Mount Pleasant with an interest rate of 2%. Any additional overflow will come from the Waste Water Treatment Operational Account. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 5-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve a loan agreement from the Borough of Mount Pleasant in the amount of \$80,685.00 with an interest rate of 2% for the Quarry Street Pump Station Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked where the monies that are being borrowed from the Borough would come from. Borough Manager Landy stated it would come from the Contingency Fund in the Budgetary Reserve.

Streets / Stormwater Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to close Route 31, Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Center Avenue on October 30, 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the Halloween Parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report on Streets:

- Church Street has a temporary fix until Spring. Don Coffman of Coffman Enterprises put the temporary blacktop down. The Street Department will be using the hot tar machine to seal around the paving to help preserve it through the winter.
- There are 4 interested construction companies so far for the paving project for bids.
- Borough Manager Landy received a call regarding a paper alley near 128 N. Hitchman Street and 132 N. Hitchman Street. She stated that it needs mowed and there is not an access to go through it. She would like to park her car there. Mr. Landy informed her that he would never advise anyone to park in a paper alley; but if they wanted to cut the grass they can. Solicitor Istik advised that if she would call back that they should advise her that there is a possibility of underground utility lines and if she would park her car there and something would happen that the Borough would have to access it immediately the car would be in the way.

Stormwater:

- Held a meeting with Gibson Thomas Engineering Co. Inc. regarding the MS4. They will be filing for the MS4 Permit with the State.
- There will be a Stormwater Workshop 2019 held at Hilton Garden Inn, 555 Synergy Drive, Uniontown, PA on October 10, 2019 from 8:30am – 3:30pm

Parks and Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko reported that the Frick Park Basketball Court Project is moving along very well and looks great.

Borough Manager Landy asked if all trees within the parks and the low hanging limbs along the walking trail have been taken care of. Borough Manager Landy stated that if there is money left in their budget that they should be taken care of this year. Borough Manager Landy reminded Council that if spraying is not going to be done that something needs to be done with Jack Bobb's Park. Mr. Landy said that now would be the time to do it since kids are back in school. Mr. Landy also stated that Medic 10 Park is overloaded with playground equipment and they should move equipment from one park to another, possibly Willows Park and Satcho Park.

Public Safety Report: None.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes thanked the Veteran's Park Committee, Advisory Committee, Commander Joe Zelenak of the VFW, Commander Chearney of the American Legion and especially Marie Dawson for all the work that has been done with the new tablet and the dedication ceremony. Councilwoman Barnes stated that people have come from a great distance, California and South Carolina, for the dedication. There are still 60 spaces available for the tablet. Councilwoman Barnes thanked Council for approving the new tablet and work done at Veteran's Park.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the light on the new tablet is brighter than all the others and should be changed. Councilwoman Barnes stated that they did realize it is brighter and that they are addressing it.

Human Resources / Ordinances: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she working on gathering all of the information for the fire station apron to submit for the CDBG Grant.

New Business:

Borough Manager Landy stated that there was a request from a resident regarding her sewage bill. She had a water leak. She has received a credit from the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County. She would like to receive a credit for her sewage account also.

Reading of Communications:

- PennDOT of Westmoreland County Maintenance Organization will be holding an outreach meeting for State and Local Police, School Districts, County and Management Officials on October 22, 2019.
- PSAB will be holding a two-day seminar on Your Role as a Municipal Secretary / Administrator at the Courtyard by Marriott, 700 Power Line Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 on October 23 and 24, 2019 from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 2019 Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 11:30am – 1:30pm.
- Municipal Benefits Services will be holding its 2020 Annual Renewal Meetings at Hampton Inn – Greensburg, 1000 Towne Square Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 on Monday, September 30, 2019 from 9:30am – 12:00pm.
- Training of De-escalation of reasonable use of force by the Police, November 15, 2019.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm.

Motions from Meeting of September 23, 2019

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