

November 2, 2020

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 Barnes, Bailey, Phillabaum, Smetak, Lasko, Ruskowski and Wojnar. 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 October 5, 2020 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers:

- Robert Regola of Regola Consulting spoke to Council about various Grants that will become available.
- Ashleigh Daniels and Tiffany Guittap of Scottdale Bank and Trust, a division of MidPenn Bank spoke to Council regarding investment opportunities and interest rates for the monies received from the sale of the sewage plant.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- Trick or Treat went well. Mayor Lucia thanked Medic 10, the Fire Department and the Police Department for helping with patrolling during trick or treat.
- Mayor Lucia thanked everyone that attended the Halloween Parade. Councilwoman Lasko expressed concern that she did not feel it was safe and that many did not social distance or wear masks.
- Veterans Day Parade will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 10:30am.
- Mayor Lucia reported that the Nativity Scene will be going up this month, the annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 2, 2020 at 6:30pm; and, the Candlelight Procession will be on December 6, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held during executive session.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Council President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held from 7:55pm – 8:00pm to discuss legal issues.

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2020:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report	Sep-20	Balance
	Prev Bal	Disbursements
	Deposits	2020

General Fund Checking	Scottsdale Bank	995,394.97	160,658.00	105,095.68	1,050,957.29
**Town Clock	19069335	619.92			
**Holiday Lighting	1812.51				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank	771,296.86	120.45	0.00	771,417.31
**Police	321615	47,619.03			
**Streets	147,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	287,870.28				
**Infrastructure	171,588.62				
**BOMP Gas Wells	22,311.99				
** Frick Park Gas Well	23,611.10				
**Levins	970.06				
**Fire	35,000.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act 13	21,486.47				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottsdale Bank	24,393.46	1,249.26	572.08	25,070.64
1026616	1026616				
Escrow Account	Scottsdale Bank	8,369.90	3.44	0.00	8,373.34
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	19069343	143,519.71	1.21	0.00	143,520.92
19069368	PLGIT 56980126				
Monument CD	Standard Bank	7,286.68	0.00	0.00	7,286.68
446635	446635				
Payroll Fund	Scottsdale Bank	754.06	64,396.48	58,466.26	6,684.28
19069350	19069350				
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co	21,794.96	450.00	0.00	22,244.96
2003058309	2003058309				
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottsdale Bank	1,215.53	0.50	0.00	1,216.03
19069368	19069368				
Turn Back Account	Scottsdale Bank	69,254.39	28.46	0.00	69,282.85
19069384	19069384				
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	208,875.95	0.00	0.00	208,875.95
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	52,120.89	0.00	0.00	52,120.89
410571	410571				
Scottsdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottsdale Bank	50,983.85	0.00	0.00	50,983.85
318007294	318007294				
Standard Bank CD (Partial MAWC)	Standard Bank	1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00
446593	446593				
Total General Fund Balance		3,918,034.99			
Medic 10 Checking	Scottsdale Bank	67,351.23	27,363.16	43,379.73	51,334.66
19069533	19069533				
Medic 10 Savings	Scottsdale Bank	121,658.52	1,050.41	0.00	122,708.93
19069723	19069723				
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottsdale Bank	5,986.00	2.46	0.00	5,988.46
19069376	19069376				
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank	7,543.32	3.62	0.00	7,546.94
0000358253	0000358253				
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	18,992.22	0.00	0.00	18,992.22
371917	371917				
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	5,199.37	0.00	0.00	5,199.37
410053	410053				
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance		211,770.58			
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank	763,059.78	249.86	6,568.12	756,741.52
0010175932	0010175932				
WWT Savings	Standard Bank	184,007.47	28.74	0.00	184,036.21
0050021008	0050021008				
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank	141,321.44	22.07	0.00	141,343.51
0000287245	0000287245				
**Contingency	113,873.69				
**Infrastructure	27,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank	248,034.53	81.56	0.00	248,116.09
10127923	10127923				
Total WWT Balance		1,330,237.53			
Total Borough funds		5,460,042.99			
Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary					
Sharon Lesko					

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Tax Collector’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following report for the month of October 2020:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,437.06
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 62.43
Per Capita Taxes	\$ <u>335.00</u>
Total Collected	\$ 2,834.49

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- Council has received an updated gas well report in their blue folder.
- Attended several library board meetings
- Met with various banks from the area, Scottdale Bank & Trust, a division of MidPenn Bank; Standard Bank; and, Somerset Trust regarding the annuity for the monies from MAWC for the sale of the sewage plant.
- Worked with Sharon Lesko to finalize the General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budget.
- Met with Ryan King to finalize the Medic 10 Budget.
- Opened an account at Somerset Trust for the monies from the sale of the sewage plant from Mt. Pleasant Municipal Authority checking and savings accounts.
- Met with Council President Caruso.
- Went with Jeff McGuinness from the Street Department to East Huntingdon Township to look at a dump truck that they have for sale.
- Review the hospitalization, dental, vision and disability/life insurance for the budget.
- Attended a meeting with Adam of D.C.N.R (Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources) and Bob Regola.
- Received a Freedom of Speech application from Rich Kujawa and Cindy Underwood for the nativity scene beginning November 12, 2020 through February 14, 2020. The date of the event will be on November 29, 2020.

President’s Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve to approve Resolution No. 2020-11 authorizing the dissolution of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report: None.

Stormwater Report: None.

Streets Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to allow free parking on Main Street from November 27, 2020 through January 2, 2021. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to advertise bids for a 2-bay addition to the Street Department Garage. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to purchase a 2013 F-550 Dump Truck, includes plow, salt spreader, auger and hydraulics from East Huntingdon Township for \$40,000.00 from the streets reserve in the general fund budgetary reserve account. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to authorize the Borough Manager and Council President to execute the Agreement with Jacobs Creek Watershed Association for the Cook's Way Project Design effective October 12, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept a bid from Silvis Landscaping for 7 trees for the parks in an amount of \$3,988.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Safety Report:

Councilwoman Ruskowski read the following Fire Report for the month of September 2020:

Total Calls – 25
10-45's – 8
Entrapments – 1
Fires – 7
AFA's – 7
Public Service Calls – 3
Drills – 3
Turnpike Calls – 2
Total Members Answering - 382
Avg. Member Per Call – 15

Councilwoman Ruskowski read the following Fire Report for the month of October 2020:

Total Calls – 28
10-45's – 3
Fires – 7
AFA's – 10
Public Service Calls – 1
Hazardous Calls – 7
Total Members Answering - 429
Avg. Member Per Call – 15

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to terminate part-time Police Officer John Brown. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to purchase a new taser and accessories not to exceed \$3,500.00 to be paid from line items savings within the Police budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to send Police Officer Tim Ferree for taser instruction course at a cost of \$375.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Veterans Park Report:

Human Resources/Ordinances Report: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to consolidate the Wastewater Treatment Operational Account, Standard Bank Account No. 0010175932; Wastewater Treatment Savings Standard Bank Account No. 0050021008; Wastewater Treatment Budgetary Reserve Standard Bank Account No. 000287245; and the Wastewater Treatment Bio-Tower Standard Bank

Account No. 10127923 into one account with Standard Bank. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve Resolution No. 2020-10 authorizing Borough Manager to file the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Grant relating to COVID-19 retroactive to October 15, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to sign 2020-2021 Westmoreland Co Transit Agreement in the amount of \$1,785.00 with no increase in rate. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to advertise Ordinance Number 657 setting the millage rate at 17.5 mills for 2021. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to pay Richard Kujawa \$325.00 for work on the Christmas decorations. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made to advertise the 2021 Budgets for General Fund, Liquid Fuels and Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

New Business:

- Received a quote for sandblasting and powder coating the gazebo from King Racing Enterprises, Inc. Waiting on additional bids.
- Received a quote from AP Security & Video Surveillance for camera surveillance. Waiting on additional bids.

Reading of Communications:

- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 822 W. Main Street, Mount Pleasant, PA will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Day Meal on Thursday, November 26, 2020 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. It is take-out only and Free to Everyone.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojanar to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Jim Meredith spoke to Council regarding the Veterans Day Parade.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:10.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

John H. Caruso, Jr., Council President

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