

Meeting July 18, 2016

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Wagner 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Wagner asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Wagner asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Bailey, Barnes, Caruso, Cholock, Rogacki, Ruszkowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present. Councilwoman Barnes arrived at 7:13pm. Solicitor Liptak left the meeting at 10:26pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of July 5, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Mr. Mark Brokenback, Mount Pleasant Recreational Soccer League spoke to Council regarding Willow Park Soccer Field assets paid for by the League. Mr. Brokenback said that at a recent meeting with Councilwoman Barnes and President Wagner the Soccer League agreed to share the Bridgeport Field with the Midget Football League and they declined. They also declined the use of Ramsay Field. Mr. Brokenback requested that Borough Manager Landy deny Midget Football's application to use Willow Park Soccer Field and cited Chapter 16 Section 123 of the Borough Ordinance. Solicitor Liptak said that according to the ordinance, the borough manager has the exclusive right to grant or deny use of recreational facilities in the Borough, but can defer the decision to council committee. Mr. Landy said that at the beginning of this year he deferred the decision to the Recreation Committee and President Wagner.

President Wagner said that at the last council meeting Recreational Soccer was asked what their intentions are for the field and Council did not receive an answer. At the conclusion of the recent meeting with Councilwoman Barnes and President Wagner it was agreed that the Soccer League would have use of the field on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Brokenback said that the major concern is damage to the field. Councilwoman Barnes said that Mr. Chattfield, Midget Football stated that they would alternate areas of the Soccer Field during practice to minimize damage.

J & S Towing, Ruffs Dale PA asked Council to put his company on the list of towing companies to be used by the Borough. Mayor Lucia said that J & S Towing has been on the rotation list since March 2016. Councilman Cholock said that he will make sure that all members of the Mount Pleasant Police Department are made aware that there is a rotation list. J & S Towing stated that they absorbed the cost of another tow truck with the understanding that they would be on the rotation list for Mount Pleasant Borough.

Bob Regola, Regola Consulting updated Council on grant applications. Mr. Regola stated that the additional grant funds for Penn Park have been approved and the Borough will be reimbursed when the federal budget is approved. Mr. Regola stated that the Main Street Project grant application needs to be resubmitted with modifications and he will find out what the timeline for that resubmission will be.

Speakers: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A six-year old Mount Pleasant resident requested permission to have a bunny as a pet.

Mr. Landy said he will turn the request over to the Ordinance Committee to review.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reminded everyone of the "National Night Out" on August 2nd and requested Borough Manager Landy to announce the event on the borough web-site.

Mayor Lucia asked permission to use the Gazebo Area for the 9/11 ceremony on September 11, 2016 at 6pm.

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Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that a meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Jason Regoni, Industrial Development Corporation to tour recent projects in the Borough.

Mr. Landy said that Penn Park is reaching completion and he discussed certain aspects of the park. Artificial turf is again being considered for the park.

Borough Manager Landy discussed the grant for lights around Frick Park Walking Trail. Bid requests will be requested sometime within a month.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2016:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jun-16			Balance
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	2016
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,454.00	237,212.37	237,440.37	51,226.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	916,163.30	48,015.56	158,705.12	805,473.74
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	664,340.20	109.21	0.00	664,449.41
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		229,862.51			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP1 Gas Well		12,483.85			
**BOMP2 Gas Well		4,762.23			
**Frick Park Gas Well		30,600.76			
**Levins		970.06			
**Surveillance Cameras		160.00			
**Early Warning Siren Grant		1,300.00			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		12,772.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act					
13		14,265.02			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 7000126	31,221.21	2,278.95	296.52	33,203.64
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	17,326.92	0.00	0.00	17,326.92
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	155,253.28	35.27	10,366.71	144,921.84
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,804.92	0.08	0.00	1,805.00
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	24,834.01	52,647.28	76,855.52	625.77
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	3,981.60	170.00	0.00	4,151.60
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.34	0.03	0.00	614.37
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,731,888.35
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	26,860.20	70,337.98	57,910.73	39,287.45
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	144,316.83	1,023.89	0.00	145,340.72
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,887.94	0.24	0.00	5,888.18
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,739.91	0.59	0.00	4,740.50
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					195,256.85
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	492,421.25	42,419.48	123,036.01	411,804.72
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	134,945.66	45,437.05	0.00	180,382.71
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,628.53	19.50	0.00	118,648.03
**Contingency		111,178.21			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	68,990.99	9,687.89	6,915.25	71,763.63
Total WWT Balance					782,599.09
Total Borough funds					2,709,744.29

Councilwoman Diane Bailey

Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Treasurer’s Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that she has received the information she requested regarding the claim for the police vehicle.

Solicitor Liptak said that she spoke to the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority regarding raising sewage rates. A percentage of the rate increase should be earmarked for the project to show what portion of the increase goes toward the payment of the project. Solicitor Liptak said that she and the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority thought it would be best to have an agreement that not only raised the rates but also specifies what percentage of those rates would go toward the payment of whatever expenditure the Borough has. The 2017 Main Street Project will be funded by Borough residents and not Mount Pleasant Township customers. Mount Pleasant Township customers will contribute to any work done at the WWT Plant, but their payments will not go toward any work done on borough sewage lines. The Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority wants Council to vote on a resolution that will specify what percentage of the sewer rate increase will go toward the 2017 Main Street Project. Borough Manager Landy said that right now it has been determined that 100% of the increase will go toward the 2017 Main Street Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki for a 20 minute Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Motions were made for an additional 25 minutes.

Executive Session 7:52pm to 8:50pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Solicitor Liptak stated that during the Executive Session Council discussed Ordinance Section 16-132 regarding approval of permits for recreational facilities. In the ordinance it states that an approved use of Willow Park is “a scheduled function of a public nature to which the public is invited as participants and/or spectators” and that would cover Junior Football. So based on the ordinance Council, Public Safety and Borough Manager Landy have the right to approve the use of Willow Park Field by Junior Football. A representative from the Soccer League stated that due process was circumvented. He asked whether the Football League gave a 60 day notice or paid a security deposit. Solicitor Liptak said that the Football League did indeed come before Council at least 60 days ago.

President Wagner asked the representative from the Soccer League if they will need use of the Soccer Field on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays and the representative stated that he would have an answer at the August 1, 2016 council meeting.

President’s Report:

President Wagner called for a break-out session to discuss current unfinished business.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve Resolution 2016-06 retroactive to July 13, 2016 authorizing and directing the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority to agree to the acceptance of the R & B Contracting bid by MAWC in connection with the 2017 Main Street Project in Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Rogacki said that a Town Hall Meeting will be held on July 26, 2016 at the Mount Pleasant Church of God beginning at 6pm to discuss a sewage rate increase and WWT upcoming projects. Gibson Thomas

Engineering, Solicitor Liptak, President Wagner, Borough Manager Landy will be in attendance. Borough Manager Landy said that he would like to see all council members attend the meeting.

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A motion was made to replace the sewage line adjacent to Jack Bobb’s Park from Terrace Avenue to Spruce Street with a 6 inch plastic line at an estimated cost of \$4,955 and to repair the manhole cover. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague discussed where the WWT Fund stands financially and what is required for upcoming projects. Mr. Hague presented Council with the following report:

Current Outstanding Loans

- Penn Vest Loan #2 will be paid off in 2028 (12 years remaining, borough portion of loan is \$6,440.11/month. Mt. Pleasant Township Municipal Authority pays the other portion)
- Bio-Tower #1 Loan 5 year loan with a monthly payment of \$6,915.25. The last payment being December 17, 2019. The Mt. Pleasant Township Municipal Authority makes quarterly payments of \$7,261.02. A motion to add a \$15 a quarter capital assessment charge was added to the sewage bills to pay for the borough portion of the loan and any future repairs at the council meeting August 4, 2014 effective immediately.

\$452,832.39 Total cost of bio tower project
-158,491.33 Mt. Pleasant Twp. owes 35%
-100,000.00 Given to Borough from Borough Municipal Authority
\$194,341.06 Total portion the Borough was responsible to pay for

From the \$15 capital assessment in 2014 we collected \$47,230.00, in 2015 we collected \$114,900.00 for the first two quarters of 2016 we collected \$56,895.00. For a total of \$219,025.00. This is enough money from the \$15 capital assessment to pay for the Borough’s portion of the loan, **BUT** we still have to allot money toward the monthly payment to make up the difference between what the townships makes on quarterly payments and the cost of the monthly loan payment. The yearly loan payment is \$82,983.00, the township pays \$29,044.08 a year to us. So that is a difference of \$53,938.92. That leaves \$60,961.08 a year starting in year 2017 to put toward other projects and every year thereafter that the assessment is left on. Also there will be a surplus of \$36,277.14 left over in 2016.

Mr. Hague said that Mount Pleasant Township makes quarterly payments to the Borough for their portion of the bio-tower project. President Wagner said that part of the formula was to have the Township pay off their portion earlier, but they are not willing to do that.

President Wagner said that there is a possibility the cost of \$1,006,042 for the 2017 Main Street Project may go up because of costs not yet determined. President Wagner said that engineering costs for the 2017 Main Street Project are very high and he would like Council to look at another engineering firm to inspect the project and see if costs can be reduced.

Sewage Rate Spreadsheet

WWT Superintendent Hague presented Council with a spreadsheet showing current sewage rates, consumption, income from the Capital Assessment and the proposed new rate that will increase income by \$119,361.09. Borough Manager Landy said that when looking at the proposed new sewage rate they took into account that the project will come in higher than \$119,361.09. Mr. Landy said that even with the proposed sewage rate increase the Borough is still 3rd from the bottom of the list of municipality sewage rates received from Gibson-Thomas Engineers.

- Size 1 5/8" meter 5,000 gallon min. \$44.00
- Size 2 3/4" meter 7,000 gallon min. \$74.00
- Size 3 1" meter 12,000 gallon min. \$144.00
- Size 4 2"> meter 30,000 gallon min. \$234.00

1. The first 10,000 gallon in excess of the minimum at \$3.95 per 1,000 gallon

- 2. The next 25,000 gallon in excess of the minimum at \$3.75 per 1,000 gallon
- 3. The next 50,000 gallon in excess of the minimum at \$3.45 per 1,000 gallon
- 4. The next 100,000 gallon in excess of the minimum at \$3.10 per 1,000 gallon
- 5. The next 250,000 gallon in excess of the minimum at \$2.85 per 1,000 gallon
- 6. Everything in excess of 500,000 gallon at the rate of \$2.60 per 1,000 gallon

<u>Month</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Capital Assessment</u>	<u>Old Rate Amount</u>	<u>New Rate Amount</u>
2015-04	1,815	1,120.00	7,608.97	8,893.86
2015-05	8,220	9,760.00	39,290.38	49,558.77
2015-06	14,055	17,980.00	67,322.47	85,763.15
2015-07	2,065	1,090.00	8,165.21	9,421.99
2015-08	8,342	9,625.00	39,751.20	49,906.60
2015-09	15,219	17,965.00	72,171.59	90,944.41
2015-10	1,815	1,180.00	7,634.31	8,945.11
2015-11	7,618	9,700.00	37,299.04	47,361.11
2015-12	13,086	18,025.00	65,287.85	83,721.69
2016-01	2,087	1,060.00	8,315.37	9,591.26
2016-02	7,376	9,460.00	36,525.18	46,481.73
2016-03	12,767	17,770.00	63,432.10	81,575.08
*** Year Total	94,465	114,735.00	452,803.67	572,164.76
Previous 12 Months Usage	97,652	75,685.00	461,105.23	
	3,187	Drop in Usage Difference	8,301.56	

5-year Project Plan (2017-2022)

- 1. CSO # 3 and CSO # 5 reconstruction (4 years to complete) \$275,000 total estimate. 65% borough = \$178,750 35% township = \$96,250
- 2. Quarry Pump Station Overflow (5 years to complete) \$200,000 total estimate. 100% borough

3. Blower upgrade with piping and fine bubble diffusers \$235,000 total estimate. 65% borough = \$152,750
35% township = \$82,250
4. College Ave. sewer line replacement project \$175,000 total estimate.
100% borough

Total estimated cost for these projects is \$885,000.

Borough's total estimated cost = \$706,500

Mt. Pleasant Township estimated cost = \$178,500

*This is only a guideline to work off of, if another issue should arise in the future the list may need to be changed and adjusted. Also the pricing for the projects was taken from the estimates that Gibson Thomas provided in March of 2015.

Borough Manager Landy said that grant money is not included in these costs. The grant process is beginning now and applications will be submitted for WWT grants.

Mr. Hague said the funds from the Capital Assessment after making the payment for the bio-tower would cover the cost of loans for the 5-year projects. The Capital Assessment was instituted to pay for capital improvements and not strictly for the bio-tower replacement.

Streets Report:

Councilman Caruso said that the paving project has started. During the milling process a sidewalk was damaged and the paving company will be responsible for fixing the damage.

Councilman Caruso said that the Street Department put in a new culvert at Ramsey Terrace and the street is ready to be paved. Willow Street Ext has also been prepared for paving.

President Wagner said that Councilman Caruso and Borough Manager Landy talked to the paving company and they agreed that when they are in the area they will do an adjacent street. Councilman Caruso said that Street Superintendent Mario Fontanazza spoke to the pavers and showed them the places that need to be milled.

President Wagner said that the Street Department requested a milling machine and he contacted Pittsburgh Bobcat and they are going to give him a price for a new 24" milling machine, a used milling machine and the cost of renting.

Councilman Caruso said that tar and chipping should start around the 29th of July.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to pay all approved expenses as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Safety, Zoning and Ordinance:

Mayor Lucia said that there are meters in the basement of the Municipal Building that can be scrapped.

Councilwoman Bailey said that if Council decides to hire another full-time police officer Mayor Lucia and someone from the Safety Committee and Human Resources Committee should be involved in the interview process. Mayor Lucia said that he would like to be involved in the interviews for the part-time police officers as well.

Councilman Cholock said that he would like to change the pay rate for part-time policemen. In the past the rate for part-time policemen was based on the number of hours they worked. Borough Manager Landy said that Police Chief Sam requested that they be paid a flat rate and it was changed. Councilman Cholock said he will speak to Chief Sam about getting the policy changed back.

Councilman Cholock said that the up-fit of the new police vehicle is on hold because the company is waiting for parts.

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of June 2016:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. for the month of June 2016

Incidents	114
Criminal Arrests	13
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	50
Parking Tickets Issued (Parking Auth)	43
Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations	22
Assist other Departments	9
Accidents Investigated	5
Parking Tickets	\$188.00
Parking Meters	\$2,090.95
Fees for police reports	\$90.00
Clerk of Courts	\$385.25
District Court	\$851.24
Parking Permit	\$0.00
DUI Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$3,605.44

Mayor Lucia said that the Police Department is scheduled to complete fire arms training in August 2016. The training will take two days. Police Chief Sam will be the instructor. Tactical training will be at Willow Park and the borough property on Bridgeport Street sometime in September.

Mayor Lucia said that a meeting was held between the Mount Pleasant Police Department and the Mount Pleasant Area School District to discuss issues with the Crossing Guards. Training will be provided for the Crossing Guards.

Parks & Recreation General Report:

Councilwoman Barnes said that Mr. Landy received a quote from Marker Fence for moving the fence from the volleyball court to Jack Bobb’s Park and she will have that quote for the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Barnes said that Mr. Zelinsky will be cutting the trees at Jack Bobb’s Park at the end of August 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to advertise for bids to resurface, reseal and repaint the Frick Basketball Court. Bids will be opened on Friday July 29, 2016 at 1:30pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the Recreational Advisory Committee will meet next week.

Councilwoman Barnes said that she has contacted a volunteer group who will be painting the picnic tables at Willow Park in August. Council again discussed what to put under the playground equipment that was moved to Willow Park. Council decided to move ahead with pea gravel under the playground equipment at Willow Park. Fencing should remain in place until the equipment is completely installed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

President Wagner said that he would like the Recreational Advisory Committee to have a plan for the wall at Frick Park and to form a sub-committee to look at work that needs to be done at Veterans Park and the Gazebo.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that she would like to request a committee to negotiate the upcoming Street Department Union Contract. Councilwoman Bailey said that she would like President Wagner, Jack Caruso, Susan Ruszkowski and herself on the committee and for Borough Manager Landy to be involved as well.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all approved expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that Approved Fire Co. from Greensburg will be sending a quote for the backflow on the Municipal Building.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that Tony Moore will provide a quote to repair both sides of the curb in front of the Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to sign a contract with Otis Elevator Co for a 5-year term at a cost of \$184 per month payable annually to begin August 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

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President Wagner said that he would like to see the Gormley property on Main Street currently owned by the Borough converted to a parking lot with parking meters to alleviate some of the congestion in that part of town. Borough Manager Landy said that Council should get estimates for the project. Councilman Rogacki expressed the opinion that any meter income would not come close to paying for the cost of the parking lot.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

President Wagner said that he would like council committees to look at the 2017 budget year and present two, three or five year plans for each committee.

President Wagner announced the following council committees effective immediately:

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| 1. Waste Water Treatment: | John Rogacki, Chairman
David Pritts
Richard Cholock |
| 2. Streets: | Jack Caruso, Chairman
Diane Bailey
David Pritts |
| 3. Public Safety & Zoning | Richard Cholock, Chairman
Jack Caruso
John Rogacki |
| 4. Ordinance: | Cynthia Stevenson, Chairwoman
David Pritts
Susan Ruszkowski |
| 5. Parks & Recreation: | Patience Barnes, Chairwoman |
| a. (Veterans Park) | Richard Cholock |
| b. (Special Events/Concerts in the Park) | John Rogacki |
| 6. Finance & Human Resources: | Diane Bailey, Chairwoman
Susan Ruszkowski
Patience Barnes |

7. Negotiations:

Diane Bailey, Chairwoman
Susan Ruszkowski
Jack Caruso
1 more additional Councilperson
/ Councilwoman Bailey’s
Choice
8. Property:

Susan Ruszkowski, Chairwoman
Patience Barnes
Richard Cholock
9. Sanitation & Recycling:

David Pritts, Chairman
Jack Caruso
Susan Ruszkowski
- 10.Community &
Economic Development/Grants:

Cynthia Stevenson, Chairwoman
Diane Bailey
Patience Barnes

New Business:

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Mount Pleasant Public Library owns the library building, but the Borough owns the property it is on. The Library Board has asked that the Borough include the Library property with the Borough lawn & snow removal contract renewal.

Public Comment: None

Miscellaneous & Adjournment:

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