### Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucia at 7:57pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops. Mayor Lucia directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman Caruso, Pritts, Wagner, Rogacki, Cholock and Councilwomen Bailey, Barnes, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Tucker Arensberg Solicitor was present. Mayor Lucia stated we have a quorum.

#### **Matters of Business:**

Mayor Lucia called for nominations and elections for President of Council. Councilman Caruso nominated Councilman Wagner. Councilwoman Ruszkowski nominated Councilwoman Diane Bailey. Councilwoman Stevenson called for a roll call vote for the nomination of Councilman Paul Wagner for Council President:

Councilwoman Bailey	No
Councilman Caruso	Yes
Councilman Pritts	No
Councilwoman Ruszkowski	No
Councilwoman Stevenson	No
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilman Wagner	Yes
Councilman Rogacki	Yes
Councilman Cholock	Yes

Councilman Wagner was nominated and elected Council President by a 5 to 4 vote.

Mayor Lucia turned over the meeting to newly elected Council President Wagner.

President Wagner called for nominations for Vice-President. Councilman Cholock nominated Councilman Jack Caruso. There were no other nominations. Councilman Caruso was elected Council Vice-President.

President Wagner called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Councilman Cholock nominated Councilman John Rogacki. There were no other nominations. Councilman Rogacki was elected Council President Pro-Tem.

## **Appointment of Borough Officials:**

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to appoint Davis & Davis as Mount Pleasant Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Councilwoman Stevenson called for a roll call vote for the appointment of Davis & Davis as Mount Pleasant Borough Solicitor.

Councilwoman Bailey	No
Councilman Caruso	Yes
Councilman Pritts	No
Councilwoman Ruszkowski	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	No
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
President Wagner	Yes
Councilman Cholock	Yes
Councilman Rogacki	Yes

Davis & Davis were appointed as Borough Solicitor with a vote of 6-3.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to suspend the rules to retain K-2 Engineering as Mount Pleasant Borough Building Inspectors. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-1 with Councilman Pritts voting no.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain Mayor Gerald Lucia as Fire Chief/Fire Marshal for the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to retain Bob Ceroni and Marc Taylor as Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain Gerald Lucia as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to appoint Councilman Rogacki as Representative to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to appoint Council President Paul Wagner as Alternate Representative to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to retain Councilwoman Bailey as Representative to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to retain Jeff Landy as Alternate Representative to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to appoint Councilwoman Barnes to the Tax Collection Committee. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to appoint Caprice Mills as alternate to the Tax Collection Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to appoint Jeff Landy as second alternate to the Tax Collection Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

#### **General Administrative Business:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for council meeting procedure. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to designate President, Vice President and Borough Manager as authorized signers for Borough fund accounts. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to designate depositories of borough funds as PNC Bank, Standard Bank, Scottdale Bank & Trust, Somerset Trust Company and PLGIT. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A request was received from Attorney Randall Klimchock to reappoint Mr. Seth Prentice and Mr. Patrick Brien to another four year term on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to reappoint Mr. Seth Prentice to the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission for another 4-year term. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to reappoint Mr. Patrick Brien to the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission for another 4-year term. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A request was received from Mr. Dale Walker to reappoint Mr. Joe Horrell to the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority for another 5-year term.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to reappoint Mr. Joe Horrell to the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority for another 5-year term. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy said that he will meet with President Wagner to look over the current Boards & Authorities to see if other seats are vacant.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to suspend the rules to appoint borough department heads. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to postpone appointment for department heads. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Cholock spoke to Council and said that he is looking forward to working with Council, moving forward and doing what is right for the community.

President Wagner thanked everyone on Council for their dedication to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. President Wagner said that he wants to see the community working together on the issues facing the Borough. President Wagner said that the Borough must have the funds to meet the challenges it faces. President Wagner said that he looks forward to working with Council as a team. "We will not limit the

challenges that are in front of us but we will challenge the limits that we can reach". Any resource that is available to Mount Pleasant Borough to make this Borough better is open to Council.

President Wagner assigned the following Council Committees:

1. Community & Economic Development/Grants Cynthia Stevenson, Chairwoman

Susan Ruszkowski David Pritts

2. Finance & Human Resources: Diane Bailey, Chairwoman

Susan Ruszkowski Patience Barnes

3. Parks & Recreation: Patience Barnes, Chairwoman

Richard Cholock Jack Caruso

President Wagner said that Parks & Recreation Committee will include Veterans Park and the Glass & Ethnic Festival.

4. Property Susan Ruszkowski, Chairwoman

David Pritts John Rogacki

5. Public Safety, Zoning & Ordinance Richard Cholock, Chairman

Jack Caruso, Co-Chair

John Rogacki

6. Sanitation & Recycling David Pritts, Chairman

Cynthia Stevenson Richard Cholock

7. Streets: Jack Caruso, Chairman

Diane Bailey Patience Barnes

8. Waste Water Treatment: John Rogacki, Chairman

Diane Bailey Jack Caruso

President Wagner stated that directives to department heads will come from Committee Chairman, Borough Manager or Mayor only.

## **Public Comment:** None

President Wagner said that any council member who wishes to put an item on the agenda can call the borough office before 12 noon the day of the meeting to have it included on that evening's agenda.

# ${\bf Miscellaneous~\&~Adjournment:}$

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

## Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm