

**Meeting November 2, 2015**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. Councilman Pritts led Council in the Lord’s Prayer. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer said that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Councilman Wagner pointed out that the minutes are incorrect concerning Solicitor Wolfe being present. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski after correction. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. George Porterfield, 145 N. Church Street thanked Council for resolving his issue.

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of October 2015:

Mount Pleasant Police Department Report for the month of September 2015

The Department answered the following calls:

Complaints	113
Drug Arrests	5
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	63
Parking Tickets Issued (Prkng Auth)	12
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations Issued	34
Assist Other Departments	5
Accidents Investigated	5
Assist Medic 10	6

Income	
Parking Tickets	\$ 292.00
Parking Meters	\$ 1,388.97
Fees for Police Reports	\$ 120.00
Clerk of Court	\$ 73.52
District Court	\$ 501.53
Parking Permit	\$ 20.00
Total Income	\$ 2,396.02

Mayor Lucia questioned Police Chief Sam about police vehicle #6-9 and Police Chief Sam reported that the vehicle is back in service.

Police Chief Sam reported that the Mount Pleasant Police Department has received a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol. The Borough was one of twelve applicants chosen from 89 to receive a grant. Chief Sam said that grant funds would be used to purchase equipment to assist in drug investigations.

Councilman Wagner asked Chief Sam if he knew how many parking meters still needed repaired. Chief Sam said that there are approximately 46 meters that need repaired. Chief Sam reported that repairs to the meters can cost from \$10 to replace the batteries up to \$200 to replace the meter with a refurbished one.

Mayor Lucia said that there will be a short parade on Main Street and a ceremony at Veterans Park on Veterans Day next Wednesday November 11, 2015 beginning at 10:30am.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour will be held at Rumbaugh Elementary beginning on Thursday November 5, 2015 at 6:30pm.

**Tax Collector's Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of October 2015:

Property Taxes = \$665.98  
Per Capita Taxes = \$395.00

Total = #1,060.98

**President's Report:**

President Bauer said that he has received complaints regarding the catch basin at Pine & Summit Streets and Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department will address the issue as well as repainting the guide rail.

President Bauer thanked Valerie Tressler and her family for decorating the Gazebo every year for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

President Bauer requested a proclamation from Mayor Lucia for the Mount Pleasant VFW's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary that was in September. President Bauer said that he and the other VFW Officer will be at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> council meeting to accept the proclamation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for a motion to pay Richard Kujawa \$300 for work on the Christmas lights. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

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**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that there was an endowment by Congressman Murtha for Veterans Park. The funds would be put into an account to be used for repairs at the Veterans Wall. Mr. Landy said that he was told by Mr. Glenn Emory that a motion was made by the Endowment Fund to release a check to the Mount Pleasant VFD who will invest the money and will only use it for repairs and maintenance at Veterans Park.

Mr. Landy said that he and Councilwoman Ruszkowski will meet with a representative from Armstrong regarding the new charges to the Borough for internet and cable services to see if there is any way to reduce the costs.

Borough Manager Landy said that the current CDBG Grant Application has been submitted by him and Councilwoman Bailey and we will find out sometime in March 2016 what funds will be awarded to the Borough.

Mr. Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia met with an electrician regarding the Early Warning Siren to try and get it adjusted so that it can be activated any place in the Borough and not just from the Police Station.

Borough Manager Landy said that Jeannette has requested that he be part of a panel to help guide them with their downtown renovation plan. The meeting will be in the evening on November 4, 2015.

Borough Manager Landy reported that Penn Dot recently audited the Borough Liquid Fuels Account and it went very well. No findings were reported.

Mr. Landy said that the bid for Penn Park is close to being awarded. The County has allocated additional funds and the Contractor has agreed to honor his bid until the beginning of 2016 with the exception of the asphalt. He has requested a possible 3% increase in the cost of the asphalt. The committee will review the final paperwork and make a motion to award the bid. Councilwoman Bailey volunteered to replace Councilman Tate on the committee.

### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Pritts read the following report from WWT Superintendent Larry Hague for work done during the month of October 2015:

- New roof on Main control building
- Gibson Thomas surveyed for placement of Bar Screen
- Service 7 of the emergency generators
- Dig out and patch asphalt entrance at plant
- Replace two area lights at plant that were not working with two efficient LED lights
- Prep and paint dry well lids at all pump stations
- Storm clean up at plant ( tree limbs, and lost two roofs on outbuildings)
- Prepare 2016 budget
- Winterize fountain at Veterans Park

Councilman Wagner asked Mr. Hague what Gibson Thomas Engineers are doing regarding the bar-screen at the plant. Mr. Hague said that they are looking at where to place the bar-screen. Once they provide the Borough with the measurements and the specs we can put the project out for bid.

**Veterans Park:** None

### **Streets Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said that scratch-coating could not be done in 2015 because the contractor said that the Borough would have to tar and chip over the scratch-coat in order for it to hold if we do it this time of year. If the scratch-coating is done from June to August it is not necessary to tar and chip.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she will have a list of streets for Council to review at the next meeting to decide which will be paved, scratch-coated or tar and chipped so that it is ready to go out to bid in January or February 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to close Main Street from Eagle Street to Diamond from 10:30am to 11:30am on November 11, 2015 for the annual Veterans Day Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to close Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street from 10:30am to 12 noon on November 11, 2015 for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

### **Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Fire Report for the month of October 2015:

Total Calls – 46  
In Town – 9  
Out of Town – 37  
10-45's – 13  
Entrapment Calls – 2  
Fires – 13  
AFA's – 12  
Public Service Calls – 5  
Drills – 2  
Standby's – 1  
Turnpike Calls – 8

Total Members Answering – 683  
Av. Member Per Call – 14  
Total Staff Hours – 522

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she met with the Finance Committee and Police Chief Sam to discuss Chief Sam's proposed 2016 budget. There was also a meeting with Medic 10 personnel to discuss their 2016 budget.

President Bauer said that he received information from a resident who said that they were billed the difference between what the insurance company paid and what Medic 10 billed for an ambulance call. President Bauer said that he understood that when a resident was a paid member of Medic 10 that Medic 10 would accept the payment from the insurance company as payment in full. Mayor Lucia said that the insurance companies are adding deductibles to their policies and the deductible is the patient's responsibility. Councilwoman Stevenson said that anyone who receives a bill should call Medic 10 because they will work with people on a case by case basis.

### **Parks & Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to advertise for bids for the Mount Pleasant Borough Grass Cutting and Snow Removal Contract. Bids will be accepted at the borough office until 12:15pm November 23, 2015 and will be opened at 12:30pm on November 23, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Finance & Human Resources Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Council to look at the preliminary 2016 budget and contact her with any questions or comments.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to ratify a temporary position at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to be filled by Mr. Larry Golobish beginning October 27, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at \$10 per hour to cover for scheduled vacation and the absence of Tom Pawlikowsky. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts reported that a blower needed to be replaced on the furnace for the third floor of the municipal building and the work was done by DePalma Heating.

Borough Manager Landy said that repairs also had to be made to the elevator in the municipal building. The borough has a service contract with Schindler Elevator, but this call was not covered under the contract because it was considered vandalism. Borough Manager Landy said that it seems someone was banging on the button because it didn't respond right away and the circuit board behind the button was damaged and needed to be replaced.

### **Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to advertise for bids for the Mount Pleasant Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Contract. Bids will be accepted at the borough office until 3:00pm November 23, 2015 and will be opened at the council meeting at 7:00pm November 23, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Caruso said there were some changes to the bid specs for Solid Waste and Recycling Contract. One of the changes is that garbage and recycling will be picked up everywhere in the Borough on Tuesdays. Another change is that residents will have a choice of a 35 gallon or a 65 gallon recycling bin.

### **New Business:**

President Bauer announced that Light Night in the Borough will be held on November 29, 2015.

President Bauer said that he would like to see the Synagogue cleaned up. There are Christmas decorations like the candles that are not worth repairing and need to be gotten rid of. The market value of the candles is zero so the Borough is allowed to give them away.

Councilwoman Bailey requested that the check for \$5,000 to the Mount Pleasant Public Library be cut this week so that she can deliver it.

Councilman Wagner had questions on the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. A discussion ensued and changes were made to the document to be approved at the next council meeting.

President Bauer said that Council received a copy of the 2016 Mount Pleasant Business District Authority Budget and Board of Director Operations Guidelines. The BDA Board also requests that Council approve the Mount Pleasant Business District By-Laws. President Bauer said that these items will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Reading of Communications:** None

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:01pm**

**Executive Session followed the meeting.**

President Bauer reported that the Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

## **Motions from November 2, 2015 Meeting**

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