

**Meeting November 20, 2017**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso at 7:01pm 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 Bailey, Barnes, Cholock, Pritts, Rogacki, Ruszkowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of November 6, 2017 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. John Soforic, 601 Sandhill Road Mount Pleasant PA requested permit parking on Church Street from Washington Street to Walnut Street because the tenants renting his properties do not always have a place to park. Visitors and employees of the Library park in front of his properties leaving no parking for his tenants. President Caruso said that Council is looking at the problem. Borough Manager Landy asked if it would be possible for Mr. Soforic to create off-street parking behind his properties. Mr. Soforic said that it would be possible but it would be inconvenient for his tenants to access the front door. Councilwoman Bailey said that if the meters in the Library parking lot could be calibrated to accept 8 hours of parking, the Library employees would use them and free up parking on Church Street. Council agreed to look at various options.

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of October 2017:

Mount Pleasant Police Report for the month of October 2017

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	131
Criminal Arrests	14
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	25
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	26
Assist Other Departments	15
Accidents Investigated	2

**Income**

Parking Meters	\$1,380.20
Parking Tickets	\$135.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$75.10
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$105.00
District Court	\$885.16
Task Force Refund	\$0.00

Total Revenue \$2,400.36

- Ira Bennett has turned in all meter keys and repair parts. Chief Sam will assume meter repair and maintenance duties.
- Black Crown Vic has siren and lights and is ready to be put into service.
- 2010 Explorer has been towed to Street Department property following a crash. The amount of the damage was \$6,610.65 with a \$500 deductible.
- Specs have been provided to the up-fit company regarding the new Explorer.

- “Shop With A Cop” program will be December 18<sup>th</sup>. Chief Sam. Captain Grippo and Patrolman Ellwood will partner with the State Police again this year. Each child will receive up to \$150 to purchase Christmas Gifts.
- New Kensington Police Patrolman Brian Shaw was shot and killed on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mount Pleasant Police Department will send a car and officers to the funeral services on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Lucia reported that Levin Furniture has been sold to Artvan. The outlook for the Mount Pleasant store is looking good, with the store staying open and employees keeping their jobs.

Mayor Lucia said that he was contacted by Forest Lake Real Estate who were told by the Main Street contractor that they would not be able to use their parking lot off of Main Street when the construction is complete because there will be a large curb blocking the lot. Mayor Lucia said that he and Borough Manager Landy will call Penn Dot to discuss the problem.

Mayor Lucia said that Republic Services has informed its customers in the Borough that garbage pickup will remain the same day but the times may vary.

### Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that there is a status conference regarding Westmoreland Human Opportunities versus the Board of Assessment Appeals to go over what taxes should be paid.

### Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of October 2017:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Oct-17</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Prev Bal</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2017</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	139,312.74	128,778.74	60,534.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	1,046,053.92	14,853.94	97,509.53	963,398.33
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	674,072.07	114.51	0.00	674,186.58
**Police	40,683.60				
**Streets	140,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	231,647.23				
**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	13,503.76				
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act					
13	21,486.47				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	28,424.46	1,515.20	296.52	29,643.14
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	58,860.51	40.13	3,268.07	55,632.57
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,806.13	0.08	0.00	1,806.21
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	675.32	81,030.42	54,620.70	27,085.04
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	6,966.84	0.00	0.00	6,966.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.75	0.03	0.00	614.78
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
Police Grants	Standard Bank 0010151752	1,006.05	25.00	0.00	1,031.05
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	417,321.40	201.23	0.00	417,522.63
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,253,166.93</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	65,383.26	40,716.42	43,524.24	62,575.44

Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	135,697.59	1,023.22	0.00	136,720.81
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,891.85	0.26	0.00	5,892.11
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	5,650.39	0.00	0.00	5,650.39
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>210,838.75</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	394,865.70	149,533.28	81,523.35	462,875.63
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,834.97	30.72	0.00	180,865.69
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,945.52	20.20	0.00	118,965.72
**Contingency		111,506.39			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	102,687.37	17,819.90	0.00	120,507.27
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>883,214.31</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>3,347,219.99</b>

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy presented Council with 2018 balanced budgets for the General Fund, Waste Water Treatment, Liquid Fuels and Medic 10.

Mr. Landy said that the Christmas decorations are up in the Borough and the parade will be held November 29, 2017 at 7pm. The Candlelight Procession will be on December 3, 2017 beginning at 6:30pm.

Mr. Landy said that interviews were conducted with applicants for the part-time employee at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There were no qualified applicants.

Councilwoman Barnes questioned the Parks and Recreation and Property Budget decreases. Councilwoman Barnes said that she still feels that the \$20,000 being paid to an outside contractor for lawn and snow maintenance could be eliminated if the Borough bought equipment so that our Street Department could do the work. While preparing the budget Borough Manager Landy said that he needs to look at the entire budget, what each department requires for the next year and what the priorities are. Mr. Landy also reminded everyone that we have a contract for grass cutting and snow removal that runs through 2018.

Borough Manager Landy went through the 2018 proposed General Fund budget for Council. There will be no increase in tax revenue and very little increase in other revenue. The only income item that could change is Grants. If the Borough is able to receive grant funds it would help the budget. The expenses however have increased, especially health care which means other line items had to be cut in order to balance. Other discussions ensued regarding the proposed 2018 Budget including paving and park improvements.

Borough Manager Landy went through the 2018 proposed Waste Water budget. The 2018 budget has changed and will reflect a different way of tracking the capital assessment monies. Budgeting for Capital Improvements and WWT Improvements were lowered with Superintendent Nickelson's approval.

Borough Manager Landy then went through the 2018 Liquid Fuels and Medic 10 budgets.

### **Breakout Session**

#### **President's Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to participate in the 2018 G-Conference. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

President Caruso said there will be board appointments at the next council meeting.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:** None

#### **Street Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey asked residents to please have their leaves at the curb to be picked up by the Street Department by December 4, 2017 so that personnel can get trucks ready for the first snowfall.

**Public Safety Report:**

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

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to advertise the 2018 Medic 10 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that her committee will recommend an ordinance amendment to institute permit parking on S. Church Street from Washington Street to Walnut Street and to have three meters removed down from the basketball court and replaced with signs designating those parking spots for library personnel only.

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:** None

**Parks & Recreation/Veterans Park Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey reported that Industry Weapon and Premier Audio Video worked very hard to get the Veterans Park Digital Wall repaired and running for Veterans Day. Councilwoman Bailey said that she will continue to monitor the Digital Wall.

Councilwoman Barnes said that there was a Teen Council meeting held and thanked Police Chief Sam and Patrolman Ellwood for being there.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:**

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**Property Report:**

Councilman Rogacki said that the intercom has been installed in Tax Collector Carol Yancosky’s office and seems to be working efficiently.

Councilman Rogacki said that the doors at First Ward Fire Station have been repaired and winterized.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilman Pritts reminded residents that garbage pickup times may vary and they should have their garbage at the curb the night before and by 6am.

**New Business:** None

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Jacobs Creek Watershed is holding a planning and advisory meeting on Thursday November 30, 2017 at the Westmoreland Conservation District in Greensburg from 9am to noon.
- Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development sent a letter informing the Borough that effective October 25, 2017 the Uniform Construction Code permit fee amount to the Commonwealth will increase from \$4.00 to \$4.50.
- Pennsylvania Family Council is requesting that the Borough adopt a resolution against Act 42 that allows satellite casinos.

- Dale Carnegie is having a class on communication, positivity, leadership, self-confidence and stress and worry management on Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Courtyard by Marriott, Greensburg PA.
- KU Resources, Inc. will submit a Remedial Investigation Report, Baseline Risk Assessment Report and Cleanup Plan to the DEP on or about November 15, 2017.
- Coal & Coke Trail is asking for an increase of \$500 for the Borough's 2018 Donation.

**Discussion & Payment of Bills:**

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Miscellaneous & Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 9:45pm**

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