

Meeting February 6, 2017

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 Bailey, Barnes, Cholock, McCloy, Pritts, Stevenson and Ruskowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. Councilman Rogacki joined the meeting via conference call at 8:25pm. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held before this meeting from 6:23pm to 6:59pm to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Attorney Milt Munk spoke to Council regarding possession of the head of the Doughboy statue from when it was damaged. Attorney Munk has had the head since approximately 1968 and would like to return it to the Borough to be loaned to Leo Wisniewski and kept at Leo's Grille 31 across from Veterans Park. Council agreed and Borough Manager Landy will coordinate a time when the media can be present for the presentation. Mr. Wisniewski will provide a letter to the Borough stating that if the restaurant ever closes he will return the head to the Borough.

Mr. Jesse Bush, District Executive of Boy Scouts of America spoke about the organization and what it offers to youths in the area as well as the benefits to the community.

Ms. Hallie Chatfield, Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority spoke to Council regarding the final payment to BCS Construction for Penn Park. The Borough will be required to pay \$15,737.86 from the General Fund to BCS. This money would be reimbursed to the Borough from Jacob's Creek Watershed and a DCED grant. The federal grant funds to Jacobs Creek Watershed in the amount of \$14,000 are on hold and will eventually be released and reimbursed to the Borough. Borough Manager Landy recommended that a motion be made at the next council meeting that the funds be paid from Parks & Recreation and when the funds are received from Jacob's Creek Parks & Recreation will be reimbursed.

Speakers:

Seth Prentice, Armstrong, introduced Mr. Tim Holler, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Mr. Holler spoke to Council about the Community Arts & Reintegration Project that will be placing a large mural on a building in Mount Pleasant. The building where the mural will be placed is owned by American Architectural Salvage operated by Westmoreland Community Action. Criminal Justice of Westmoreland County is looking for ways to reintegrate juvenile and adult offenders back into the community. CARP will allow juvenile offenders to reconnect with the community they are a part of. Mr. Holler is looking to get as many community members as possible involved in the process of designing the mural. Two meetings will be held in the Borough and once the design is agreed upon anyone who wishes to can pick a brush and be involved in painting the mural. The process will be a paint-by-number process on a cloth that will be applied to the wall and sealed. The life of the mural will be 20 – 30 years. Flyers will be distributed throughout the Borough that detail the date and time of the first meeting. Flyers and a suggestion box will also be placed in the Mount Pleasant Public Library.

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to accept the resignation of Councilman Fred McCloy from the Mount Pleasant Civil Service Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to appoint Mr. Beau Chatfield to the Mount Pleasant Civil Service Board. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia swore in Mr. Beau Chatfield to the Mount Pleasant Civil Service Board.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Code Enforcement Report for the month of January 2017:

4 Warning Notices issued	
Dangerous Condition	1 issued and pending
High Weeds	1 issued and pending
Garbage	1 issued and resolved
Animal Waste	1 resolved and 6 door tags issued
Debris on Porch	2 resolved
No Building Permit	1 issued

Mayor Lucia said that he would like the Borough to write a letter to MAWC in support of Hayden's Pharmacy that was flooded for 12 straight days from water main breaks on Main Street. MAWC is now denying payment for the restoration process. Borough Manager Landy said that Mr. Tom Ceraso, MAWC is meeting with their insurance company and the decision may be reversed.

Mayor Lucia said that Meegan Ford has donated a used vehicle to the Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that she has developed the job description for the Street Department Crew Leader and for the Street Department Laborer

Solicitor Liptak said that she was working on the issue with Raffle Construction regarding the bid for Frick Park Bollards. Since Raffle Construction was the low bidder when the project was rebid the issue is resolved.

Solicitor Liptak said that the company who installed the granite pyramids at Veterans Park has been taken over by another company and she is working on whether the new company is liable for repairs of the cracks in the granite. Solicitor Liptak said that the original contract that the Borough had with McColly Memorials will determine if the new company is liable.

Solicitor Liptak said that she should have a response in writing by the end of this week in regards to the Ford Taurus police vehicle.

Tax Collector Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of January 2017:

Per Capita = \$121.00

Ms. Yancosky said that tax statements will be mailed on March 1, 2017.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Met with Jacob's Creek Watershed regarding grant funds.
- Met with K-2 Engineering regarding rental inspections.
- A meeting is scheduled with Gibson Thomas Engineering for Wednesday 2/8/17 at 10:45am regarding the MS4 Permit.
- Mount Pleasant Borough will host the G-Conference on February 28, 2017 at 6pm
- A discussion is needed regarding Concerts In The Park and whether to continue with two each month or have only one a month in the summer. A decision must be made before sponsors are contacted.

President's Report:

President Caruso said he will meet with committee chairmen regarding their plans for 2017.

President Caruso said that on February 14th at 10:30am there will be a meeting with some of the landlords concerning moving forward with the Landlord Ordinance.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey read the following report from Mr. Jeff McGuinness for January 2017:

- Kept roadways clear during snow events.
- Emergency and non-emergency PA One Calls.
- Cleaned debris and inspect storm drains.
- Replaced traffic lights, street lights and lights at Veterans Park.
- Emptied trash bins and dog potty and cleaned rubbish from parks.
- Discarded Christmas trees and other brush picked up
- Fixed and replaced street signs.
- Attended Safety Meetings.
- Councilwoman Bailey and Jeff McGuinness attended an MS4 Seminar.
- Repaired catch basin on College Avenue that was destroyed by large truck.
- Repaired plow rigging on truck and did general inspections on equipment.
- Office paperwork was completed.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department has been getting cold-patch material from Unique Paving in Somerset and it has been working very well. Pot holes were patched on Church Street, Smithfield Street, Mullin Avenue, St. Clair and others. Streets are being measured for any tar and chipping that will be done this summer. Street Garage is being cleaned and inventoried.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of January 2017:

Total Calls – 40
10-45's – 19
Entrapment Calls – 3
Fires – 14
AFA's – 5
Public Service Calls - 2
Turnpike Calls – 9
Total Members Answering – 690
Avg. Member Per Call – 17
Total Staff Hours – 366

Police Chief Sam said that the Police Department would like to start using the X-Ray room located in the vacated office behind the station again. The room is approximately 10' X 12' and would be used for the breathalyzer machine and other purposes. The space needs to be ready to use by the second week of March 2017.

Councilman Cholock said that the Borough is still looking for a part-time, on-call Crossing Guard. Anyone interested in the position can call the borough office.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve a Curative Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Liptak said that the amendment is to change the zoning for the Karfelt property on Bridgeport Street from Industrial to Business. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend enforcement of Ordinance #635, which addresses safety inspections of residential rental properties, until September 1, 2017 in

order to allow time for revamping those portions of the ordinance that are accompanied by penalties. This motion does not relieve tenants and landlords from the obligation to follow the ordinance, only that there will be no penalties imposed for this period of time. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that there are other ordinances that may need to be amended and her committee will look at those. Borough Manager Landy said that at the recent G-Conference the municipalities present all agreed that it would be beneficial if new ordinances and fees in each community resembled the ordinances in the other municipalities. More discussions are needed regarding the Zoning Ordinance.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation/Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes said that she spoke to Raffle Construction who stated that if the Borough wants to use LED lights in the bollards at Frick Park the cost of the project will be more. Mr. Raffle, Raffle Construction stated that the additional cost for LED lights would be \$2,095. The LED will retrofit the bollards chosen for the project. Mr. Raffle said that he will give the Borough a credit for the returned halogen bulbs. Council decided to put the motion to award the Frick Park Bollard Project on hold until Mr. Raffle can find out what the credit will be. Solicitor Liptak said that when Mr. Raffle has the credit information he can give it to Mr. Landy and Mr. Landy will forward it to her. Solicitor Liptak will draft a contract and award letter that can be sent to the County for review and approval.

Councilwoman Barnes said that she attended the Westmoreland Parks & Recreation Alliance DCNR Grant Seminar in Latrobe PA and spoke about some possible grant applications for Mount Pleasant Borough.

Police Chief Sam and WWT Superintendent spoke to Council regarding the pit at Veterans Park. The mulch needs to be removed and some stepping stones put in place from the corner where the gate is to the entrance to the pit. The mulch is causing a safety issue when you have to walk through it and then go down the ladder.

Councilwoman Barnes said that she would like Council's opinion on starting a Teen Council that could be involved in some of the projects like "Clean Up Day" and painting benches etc. Their parents will have to be involved as well. Councilwoman Barnes said that she is looking into exercise equipment for the park and the Teen Council could perhaps help in raising money for the project. Insurance waivers would have to be signed and clearances would be needed for anyone over the age of 18.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made to by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the job description for the Mount Pleasant Borough Street Department Crew Leader. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to promote Jeff McGuinness to the position of Street Department Crew Leader. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Barnes voted no.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise for a full-time laborer at the Street Department based on the Union Contract. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilman Pritts said that he has filed the recycling report with PA Cleanways for the recycling grant.

A call was placed to Councilman Rogacki and he joined the meeting via speaker phone.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts reported that the hot water tank has been replaced at Third Ward Fire Station.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept Gibson Thomas Engineering CSO Long Term Control Plan at a cost to the Borough of \$206,498. The total cost of the project will be \$327,775. Mount Pleasant Township's portion of the cost would be the remaining \$121,277. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague explained that the permit application for the plant is due by June 1, 2017, construction would begin June 1, 2018 and be completed by June 1, 2019. This permit and the requirements the Borough has to meet is mandated by the DEP. The Township would be responsible for 37% of the cost and the Borough would be responsible for the remainder. The cost is in the 5-year plan presented to Council in 2016 that would run from 2017 through 2021. That plan includes extending the Capital Assessment charge on sewage bills. Mr. Hague explained that this is a mandated plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the proposal from TP Electric, Inc. for a new Electrical Service Entrance at Lenox Pump Station in the amount of \$2,187. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague explained that the service entrance at Lenox Pump Station is corroded and needs to be replaced. The service entrance is the original and has been in service since 1965.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the quote from Pace Analytical for lab testing to renew the NPDES Permit at a cost of \$2,040.00. The additional lab testing was also mandated by DEP. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Superintendent Hague said that there have been further issues with the 1996 pick-up truck. Mr. Hague said that he has looked at replacing the truck and will have more information at the next council meeting.

Superintendent Hague reported that Columbia Gas has started to camera sanitary and storm lines in the Borough where they are looking for cross bores. It is required by the PUC for safety reasons. The Borough will benefit because when they are done they will turn over all of the information which will include GIS mapping and information about the systems.

Mr. Hague said that there is a brick manhole near the old R & R Restaurant on Main Street that will have to be replaced.

The conference call with Councilman Rogacki was disconnected.

New Business:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the clock at Penn Park is running one-half hour slow.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Municipal Roundtable Friday February 24, 2017 at the Westmoreland Conservation District on Donohoe Road from 11:30am to 3:30pm. The cost is \$10 per person.

- Laurel Highlands YMCA will have a “Paint n’ Sip” on Friday February 24, 2017 from 6-8pm at Overholt Room at West Overton for ages 16 and up. The cost is \$50 per person.
- The CDBG Grant for lighting upgrade at Veterans Park was denied.
- Committee meeting for the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 1-3pm at Norvelt Roosevelt Hall.
- Maxwell Activities Association requested a donation.
- Western PA Water Pollution Control Association will hold Flagger Training on Friday March 17, 2017 in Pittsburgh.
- Westmoreland County Borough Association is requesting that we place a small ad in their annual banquet booklet. In the past the Borough has always purchased ¼ page at a cost of \$45.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Motions from Meeting of February 6, 2017

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