

Meeting August 21, 2017

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso at 7:06pm 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, McCloy, Pritts, Rogacki Ruskowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of August 7, 2017 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held before the regular council meeting from 6:30pm to 7:00pm to discuss personnel.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Mr. Ben Faas, EADS Group LLC engineering firm spoke to Council about flooding issues in the Borough. Mr. Faas proposed four solutions. When asked by Borough Manager Landy if these proposals would solve the flooding issues he stated that he was unsure. One of the proposals involved the Borough purchasing a large portion of Falcon’s Field.

Mayor’s Report: None

Solicitor’s Report: None

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jul-17			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2017
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	160,491.33	160,125.33	50,366.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	990,000.87	50,663.05	98,277.40	942,386.52
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	673,001.50	114.33	0.00	673,115.83
**Police	40,683.60				
**Streets	140,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	231,307.48				
**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	21,486.47				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	24,473.39	14.00	296.52	24,190.87
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	150,661.87	95.73	0.00	150,757.60
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.90	0.08	0.00	1,805.98
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	676.31	50,670.70	50,671.69	675.32
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	7,055.44	50.00	0.00	7,105.44
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.67	0.03	0.00	614.70
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	1,535.40	25.00	554.35	1,006.05
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	416,749.67	194.68	0.00	416,944.35

Total General Fund Balance					2,283,714.42
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	52,592.94	39,577.65	39,892.85	52,277.74
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	132,629.71	1,022.70	0.00	133,652.41
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,891.12	0.25	0.00	5,891.37
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	5,649.67	0.00	0.00	5,649.67
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					197,471.19
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	330,263.55	222,025.68	87,675.66	464,613.57
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,743.84	30.70	0.00	180,774.54
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,885.57	20.20	0.00	118,905.77
**Contingency		111,446.44			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	95,099.87	17,759.44	6,915.25	105,944.06
Total WWT Balance					870,237.94
Total Borough funds					3,351,423.55

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report for the month of July 2017:

- Lowe's has started on the work they have donated at Frick Park.
- The last Concert In The Park will be held on August 27, 2017.
- The summer help employee Julia Specht is getting a lot accomplished at the parks this year.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve easement agreement with Columbia Gas across Bridgeport Street for the repair and replacement of gas lines. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

President's Report:

President Caruso spoke to Council about behavior during council meetings. President Caruso said that there will be new rules for council meetings. All council members must be respectful to other members, pay attention and refrain from talking while another member is speaking. Please raise your hand when you wish to be heard, to make a comment or to raise a question. Be prepared, communicate with your committees and have motions on the agenda before the meetings. This saves time and keeps the meetings from running too long.

President Caruso said that a meeting was held with Brian and Alex Heide on August 16, 2017 regarding where the proposed Flag Retirement Ceremony Area, that is an Eagle Scout project, should be at Willow Park. It was decided that the best place would be behind the restrooms at Willow Park.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to hold the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September 2017 at Veterans Park Memorial and Gazebo Area and to close S. Diamond Street from Route 31 Main Street to Spruce Street and Washington Street from College Avenue to Hitchman Street from 11am September 21, 2017 to 11am September 25, 2017 for the festival. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to close Route 31 Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Cooks Way from 1:30 pm to 4:00pm on September 23, 2017 for the Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to let the borough office know who will be riding in the Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade.

President Caruso announced a breakout session for committees. The breakout session began at 8:15 and the meeting reconvened at 8:38pm.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to allow WWT employee Derek Hoover to obtain a CDL license at the Borough's expense. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

WWT employee Andy Zelinsky gave the following WWT Report for the month of August 2017:

- Cut grass at WWT Plant and pump stations.
- Cut damaged trees on right of ways.
- Serviced skid steer and excavator.
- Replaced terminal block on primary clarifier motor.
- Cleaned final clarifiers and towers.
- Cameraed line at Main and R&R Alley.
- Cameraed line for Street Dept on St. Clair Street.
- Cameraed line for resident on College Avenue.
- Pumped chlorine contact tanks.
- Turned in monthly DMR Report to DEP.
- PA One Calls – 37
- Emergency PA One Calls – 7
- Home Inspections – 5
- Call Outs – 3

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey discussed the catch basin issue on Diamond Street near Mr. Rendine's property. She was informed by Penn Dot that the Borough is required to repair or replace the catch basin even though it is on a state road.

A discussion ensued regarding the storm water problems on St. Clair Street.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve final hiring of Jeff McGuinness as Street Department Crew Leader. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Barnes voted no.

Public Safety 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 by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay for PA.9 radio upgrades for the Mount Pleasant Police Department at a cost of \$9,800. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Policies Report: None

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise an amendment to Noise Nuisance Ordinance #624.

A discussion ensued regarding the amendment. Police Chief Sam was given a copy of the amendment and stated that the ordinance would be unenforceable because of the definition and measurement of unreasonable noise. Councilman McCloy said that he let Police Chief Sam read the amendment days before the meeting and Chief Sam did not voice his concerns at that time. Police Chief Sam said that the victim of the complaint would have to testify in court. Solicitor Liptak stated that the police just need to tell the victim before any action is taken that they will be required to testify in court. Solicitor Liptak said that the measure of the noise nuisance is also part of police discretion.

The motion was tabled.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation/Veterans Park Report:

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to raise the budget for Family Fun Day by \$200 for a total budget of \$700. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Finance & Human Resources Report: None

Property Report: None

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communication:

- Westmoreland Conservation District Conservation Awards will be held on Wednesday September 13, 2017 at the Conservation Center on Donohoe Road Greensburg PA beginning at 6pm

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 Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:41pm

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