

Meeting September 19, 2016

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Wagner 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Wagner asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Wagner asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Bailey, Barnes, Caruso, Cholock, Pritts, Rogacki, Ruszkowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of September 6, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Ms. Valeri Tressler requested permission to decorate the Gazebo in October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Council had no objection.
- A letter from MAWC was sent to all water customers who are located in the construction zone of the 2017 Main Street Project. The letter states that lead service line are prohibited by regulation and must be replaced. MAWC will not hook up service to lead service lines.
- Mr. Don Overly, 16 N. Shupe Street is requesting a handicap parking sign in front of his residence.
- Verdin Company sent a letter regarding upgrades to the carillons for the Town Clock. At this time the carillons are not working.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of August 2016:

Mount Pleasant Borough Police Report for the month of August 2016

The Department answered the following calls:

Complaints	119
Drug Arrests	14
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	9
Parking Tickets Issued (Pkng Auth)	7
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations Issued	21
Assist Other Departments	12
Accidents Investigated	8

Income

Parking Tickets	\$	20.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$	255.00
Clerk of Courts	\$	1,036.85
District Court	\$	1,885.09
Parking Permit	\$	15.00
Restitution to Police Department	\$	252.09
Total Income for May 2015	\$	3,429.03

Also included in the Police Report are the following:

- The Mount Pleasant Police Department was involved in Active Shooter Training along with the National Guard in August 2016. The National Guard thanked the Mount Pleasant Police Department for their assistance and offered the use of their facilities to Mount Pleasant. All borough employees will attend Active Shooter Training.
- All Mount Pleasant Police have been firearm qualified.
- The Mount Pleasant Police Department has passed the first part of the annual audit and received a high grade.
- The Department is still in need of two more substitute Crossing Guards.
- The Mount Pleasant Borough K-9 assisted in making a drug arrest.

Mayor Lucia said that the Dan Zilli 5K Race will be held on October 9, 2016 and anyone who is available to help with the race will be appreciated.

Mayor Lucia read the following Code Enforcement Monthly Report:

- High Grass – 17 issued/3 cited
- Unsafe Structure – 2 issued/1 pending
- Rubbish – 5 issued/2 cited
- Unsafe Conditions – 2 issued/None cited
- Vehicle – 2 issued/1 cited
- Refrigerator – 1 issued/None cited
- Tree Removal – 1 issued/None cited
- Stagnant Water/Pool – 1 issued/None cited
- 10 Door Notices issued for various problems. All were resolved.

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Penn Park is close to completion. The dedication should be in two weeks. The contractor has agreed to do the extras.
- The second request for bids for resurfacing and resealing the Frick Park Basketball Court came in too high. Mr. Landy said there may be another approach and he is working on it.
- The second round of CDBG applications are due the end of October and applications for park infrastructure may be the best projects to apply for.
- The curb in front of the Municipal Building is being replaced today and when we receive an invoice Chief Sam will submit it for reimbursement from the insurance company. When the curb is complete the railing can be installed.
- A meeting will be held with Penn Dot tomorrow to discuss an agility agreement and partnership between the Borough and Penn Dot.
- The Pension audit is complete.
- The Liquid Fuels audit was completed today.
- Work on the 2017 Budget will start the first week of October 2016.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 2016:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Aug-16			Balance
		Previous	Deposits	Disbursements	2016
		Balance			
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	261,398.81	219,589.81	91,809.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	764,836.13	89,353.82	113,204.25	740,985.70
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	664,562.29	112.90	0.00	664,675.19
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		230,088.29			
**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		14,265.02			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 7000126	32,907.12	0.00	296.52	32,610.60
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	17,326.92	4,452.00	0.00	21,778.92
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	135,769.74	33.37	6,567.68	129,235.43
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.07	0.08	0.00	1,805.15
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	625.77	51,250.64	51,250.64	625.77
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	4,151.60	50.00	239.98	3,961.62

Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.39	0.03	0.00	614.42
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,696,191.86
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	15,868.97	41,989.74	7,868.82	49,989.89
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	146,365.58	1,025.04	0.00	147,390.62
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,888.41	0.27	0.00	5,888.68
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,740.50	0.00	0.00	4,740.50
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					208,009.69
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	460,110.84	71,716.72	72,362.20	459,465.36
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,413.35	30.65	0.00	180,444.00
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,668.19	13,850.66	13,830.50	118,688.35
**Contingency	111,229.02				
**Infrastructure	7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	82,651.74	1,078.27	6,915.25	76,814.76
Total WWT Balance					835,412.47
Total Borough funds					2,739,614.02

Councilwoman Diane Bailey
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that they are sending someone to C Harper to look at the 2013 Ford Taurus to see what it is worth. They will remove any police add-ons. Then the insurance company will try to find something that is comparable to the Taurus. After that, discussions can begin about getting a replacement vehicle and what the cost, if any, would be for the Borough.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution 2016-11 to extend the term of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority to 2040. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0. President Wagner opposed the motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to approve Resolution 2016-12 transferring State Route 3107, Church Street, from Main Street to Parkview Terrace from State to Municipal control. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to approve Resolution 2016-13 transferring State Route 2001, Bridgeport Street from Main Street to the borough line, from State to Municipal control. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

President Wagner stated that by transferring these roads to Municipal control it will give the Borough more control over these streets. Borough Manager Landy said that the agreement includes the amount of money that the State will give the Borough to upgrade the roads before they are transferred to the Borough. Church Street will be milled and paved and handicapped crosswalks will be installed. The agreement will be approved before the end of 2016 and then there is a one-year waiting period. The Borough will bid and administer the project. Any monies not spent on the project will be the Borough's to keep along with an annual payment from Penn Dot.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:53pm to 8:15pm.

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

President Wagner said that the Executive Session was held to discuss legal matters.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to pay all expenses as presented except two invoices from Gibson Thomas Engineering that need to be clarified. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Rogacki said that once the new sewer lines are installed on Main Street there will be manhole access for WWT personnel to camera the lines and determine where the infiltration is coming from in order to solve the Quarry Street overflow problem.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she would like to see the \$5 late fee charged by the Borough on sewage bills to be shown on the bills.

Streets Report:

Councilman Caruso asked for an explanation regarding trimming trees at Frick Park that is under his committee’s unfinished business. Mayor Lucia said that the trees near Galone Caruso Funeral Home are dead and need to be removed. It is a job that would be best done in November after leaf pickup.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to sign a “Turn Back” agreement with Penn Dot to take over SR 3107 S Church Street and SR 2001 Bridgeport Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Caruso said that the paving project on Mullin Avenue and Smithfield Street is complete.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of August 2016:

- 10-45’s - 18
- Entrapment Calls – 2
- Fires - 10
- AFA’s -17
- Public Service Calls - 8
- Standbys - 2
- Turnpike Calls - 7
- Total Members Answering - 879
- Average Member Per Call - 16
- Total Staff Hours – 988

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to accept a grant from Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission for the purchase of an Intoxylizer 8000 Breathalyzer Machine to include paid training and travel expenses up to \$9,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

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A motion was made by Councilman Cholock for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 8:35pm to 8:58pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

President Wagner said that the Executive Session was held to discuss legal issues.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Parks & Recreation (General) Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes said that there was a meeting of the Parks and Recreational Advisory Committee. Councilwoman Barnes said that Wilkinson's Nursery looked at the Jack Bobb's and Frick Parks and provided an estimate for trees. Trees would provide some greenery and privacy for the houses bordering the parks. If Wilkinson's Nursery plants the trees they will replace them if they die, but if the Borough plants the trees they will not. The cost of the trees would be between \$3,360 and \$4,800.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the wooden fence is down at Frick Park and needs to be repaired and put back up.

Councilwoman Barnes said that there will be a meeting of the Veterans Park Advisory Committee this week.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that she attended a meeting with Borough Manager Landy, President Wagner and Auditors McClure & Wolf and the report was very good. The Borough is in good shape financially. Councilwoman Bailey said that the Auditors will attend a council meeting and present Council with a report.

Councilwoman Bailey said that it is time for council committees to look at the 2016 budget and the budget vs. actual reports and start to put together numbers for the 2017 budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

Negotiations Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that the committee has not heard back from union officials regarding the counter proposal.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise for a furnace & air conditioner on the 2nd floor of Municipal Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the part needed for the backflow at the Municipal Building is on order and will be installed as soon as it is delivered.

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

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Borough has authorized the EADES Group to move forward with managing a grant and they have said that letters of support from state elected officials would help the process.

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the planned Ghost Walk has been canceled.

Public Comment: None**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:34PM

Motions from Meeting of September 19, 2016

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