

## Meeting January 23, 2012

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, McCloy, McFeaters, Pritts, Tate and Councilwoman Ruskowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

### **Reading of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 3, 2012 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Ed Malone, 6879 State Route 819, Mount Pleasant introduced himself as the newly elected president of the Girls Softball League and spoke about plans for the future.

Nick Gallick, 598 N Geary Street, Mount Pleasant addressed Council regarding issues with addressing. N Geary Street switches to Joseph Street without an abrupt turn, confusing delivery people about where N Gear Street ends. Mayor Lucia said that new signage will help to alleviate the problem.

### **Speakers:**

Jim Pillsbury, Westmoreland County Conservation District spoke about the progress of Phase II of the Stormwater Retrofit Project. Projects will be completed and other started in 2012. The grant money must be used by the end of 2012 unless the Borough files for an extension on the grant.

Tim Kilberg, McCormick Taylor Engineers talked about projects to be completed in the Borough and some that are planned for the future.

Rachel Bundridge, Route 981, Mount Pleasant asked Council for permission to hold another Fur Fest at Frick Park this year. Fur Fest was held last year and raised money for the Mount Pleasant Police Department K-9 Unit.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to allow a Fur Fest fundraiser at Frick Park on June 10, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia reported on the Volunteer Fair that was held at the Central Fire Station on Saturday January 21, 2012. The bad weather affected turnout but Mayor Lucia said that a follow-up Volunteer Fair is planned for the spring.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

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

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to change the first meeting in September 2012 from Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> because of the Labor Day holiday. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer said that he and Borough Manager Landy met at the In-Town Shops to address some of the complaints presented to Council at the last meeting. None of the issues presented to Council were apparent. There was no raw sewage found, although there is a problem with backup due to grease buildup. The borough inspector inspected the electric and found no problems.

President Bauer reported that Borough Manager Landy attended the Library Board meeting. President Bauer said that he has requested that the board meetings be held in the afternoon so that he and Councilwoman Stevenson would be able to attend.

President Bauer said that a meeting of the Medic 10 Board of Directors was held this evening before the council meeting. President Bauer said that Medic 10 is running better now than in the past. There is a 24-hour paid staff and ambulance calls are being responded to in a much more timely manner. Patient

care was foremost in Council's mind and the current staff is doing a fantastic job. President Bauer reminded residents that the annual subscription drive for Medic 10 begins next month.

President Bauer said that a lot of positive things are happening in the Borough and we are definitely moving forward.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2011:

**Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report**

**Dec-11**

		<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance 2011</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	128,778.94	126,366.94	52,412.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	703,644.67	40,685.82	58,138.04	686,192.45
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,203.77	7.80	0.00	63,211.57
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		23,211.57			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	312,722.64	52.83	2,239.94	310,535.53
**Police		50,000.00			
**Streets		70,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		65,819.82			
**Infrastructure		80,000.00			
**BOMP1 Recreation Fund		7,000.00			
**Frick Park Recreation Fund		9,964.00			
**Levins		7,760.06			
**Surveillance Cameras		9,000.00			
**Fire		5,000.00			
**K-9		5,991.65			
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	36,639.34	0.48	6,210.34	30,429.48
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.86	0.08	0.00	1,800.94
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,330.92	50,912.99	50,899.82	1,344.09
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	4,219.99	50.00	0.00	4,269.99
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,259.66	0.15	0.00	11,259.81
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.96	0.02	0.00	612.98
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	30,514.22	75,244.12	38,484.48	67,273.86
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	94,487.96	16.05	0.00	94,504.01
Storm Water Retrofit Phase I	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	26,349.21	0.00	0.00	26,349.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,356,785.65</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	176,047.40	109,419.03	68,908.80	216,557.63
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	53,175.72	1,513.27	0.00	54,688.99
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	179,213.77	23.39	41,500.00	137,737.16
**Contingency		129,213.77			
**Infrastructure		50,000.00			
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>408,983.78</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>1,765,769.43</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski  
 Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough will receive the 2012 Liquid Fuels allocation in April. These funds will be used for paving projects this year.

Borough Manager Landy commended Council on the committee meetings that are being held this month, starting the year off on the right foot. The Borough will see the benefits of these meetings come summer and fall.

Borough Manager said that he met with Med Express and they will be offering the Borough some discounts on services.

Mr. Landy said that the Borough will be getting prices for Workers Comp Insurance this year. This year is the first year we will be eligible for dividends on our liability insurance through the HDH Group.

Mr. Landy said that Council has received an invitation from the Westmoreland County Conservation District to a municipal roundtable on February 10, 2012 to discuss storm water.

Mr. Landy said that the podium now in Chambers was built by Westmoreland Vo-Tech at no cost. The Borough paid for the materials. Westmoreland Vo-Tech has done other projects for the Borough and always does a good job.

#### **Public Works Report:**

Councilman Tate said that WWT personnel are looking into water running onto the streets from sump pumps and should have a report at the next meeting that will determine an amendment to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to purchase a trailer-mounted wood chipper at a cost of \$13,500, with \$10,000 allotted from a DCED Grant and \$3,500 from budget line item #430.17. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek.

Councilman Tate said Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza has measured 7 borough streets for paving in 2012. A discussion ensued regarding streets that need paved.

#### **Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Beranek said that he attended the Mount Pleasant EMS Board of Directors meeting tonight and he feels the organization is more than up to speed. Council is now involved in the operation of Mount Pleasant EMS and everything is running smoothly. Councilman Beranek asked residents to make next month's subscription drive one of the most successful.

#### **Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilman McCloy said he and Mr. Landy had a meeting with Ms. Rita Borenstein this week and she will be handling health and safety property issues for the Borough on a case-by-case basis and will charge between \$30 and \$50 per case, depending on complexity.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to retain Rita Borenstein for two years as Health and Safety and Code Enforcement Officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer said that Ms. Borenstein is a state certified Health and Safety Inspector and very qualified to do the job for the Borough. Councilman McCloy asked for Council's permission to have Ms. Borenstein start work on having the Sterrett property at 541 Walnut Street demolished. The property has been vacant for three years since it was deemed unsafe for human habitation.

Councilman McCloy asked Council to look over the fee schedule in the ordinance book and let him know if they feel any changes should be made.

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

#### **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilman Tate said that Mike Tabita will remain on the Veterans Park Committee but not longer wants to be involved with the proposed Video Wall at the park. Councilman Tate said that he spoke to Mr. Bob Rizzo, a computer technician from the Mount Pleasant High School and he is willing to help with the project. Councilman Tate said that he has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Rizzo, Vince Zaccaria, Premier Audio-Video and Ed Milacki who has been involved with Veterans Park since the beginning to discuss which direction the video wall will take.

Councilman Tate said he received a phone call from the family of William Potoka and they are interested in having something at Veterans Park honoring Mr. Potoka for his 16 years as Mayor of Mount Pleasant Borough. Councilman Tate said he feels that the Borough should take it upon themselves to put something at the park to honor Mr. Potoka's service not only as Mayor, but for everything he did for many organizations in the Borough. President Bauer said he would present the idea to the Mount Pleasant VFW for their support on the project.

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

Councilman Crivella said the first meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee in 2012 will be held on February 9, 2012. The committee is looking to enhance and improve recreation opportunities in the Borough.

President Bauer asked Councilman Crivella to look into cleaning up the pavilions at Willows Park before the summer season begins and upgrading the electric.

Mayor Lucia said he would like to see the committee move forward on converting the volleyball court into a dog park.

### **Finance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve Resolution 2012-01 waiving the required member contributions to the Police Pension for the calendar year 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve Resolution 2012-01 to increase the quarterly contribution to the Non-Uniform Pension Fund to \$2.90 per each hour worked by members. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts said that he was approached by someone who would like to put gingerbread houses in storefronts during the Christmas season as a holiday special event. President Bauer said he also spoke to this person and we would have to get permission from storeowners.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:** None

**New Business:** None

### **Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The PSAB annual Spring Conference will be held at Seven Springs from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any council member wishing to attend should contact the borough office.
- Jacobs Creek Area Faith In Action has requested a contribution from the Borough. Council asked Mr. Landy to check and see what we did in 2011.
- West Penn Power has said that they will be doing some tree trimming and Mr. Landy said he will turn the information over to Councilman Crivella to see if it would be possible to have some trees in our parks trimmed.

### **Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

### **Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting adjourned 8:10pm**

### **Motions from January 23, 2012 Meeting**

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