

Meeting February 4, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:01pm 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. Councilman McCloy, McFeaters, Pritts, Snyder, Tate and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruskowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum. Solicitor Stacey Mikelonis arrived at 7:30pm and left at 8:10pm

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 22, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 9-0.

Brian Barnhart, VFW Post 3368 presented Patrolman George Grippo a check in the amount of \$300 as a donation for the Mount Pleasant K-9 Unit.

President Bauer and Mayor Lucia presented Kathleen Comini and employees of Standard Bank in Mount Pleasant with a proclamation honoring Standard Bank's 100th Anniversary.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Kim Giles, Shop Demo Depot, which is a program of Westmoreland Community Action, spoke to Council regarding the new state law which states that garbage companies are no longer allowed to pick up television or computer monitors and other electronic equipment. Shop Demo Depot will accept all electronics and properly recycle them. All proceeds from the program will be returned to the community. Ms. Giles said that they do not accept items that contain Freon but if a resident has a refrigerator that is still in working condition Shop Demo Depot would be willing to accept it. For elderly citizens, Shop Demo Depot will pick up large items at their homes. Ms. Giles said that employees of Shop Demo Depot have offered to help clean the compost area of the Mount Pleasant Street Department. Council said they appreciate the help. The phone number of Shop Demo Depot is 724.552.0491.

President Bauer recognized Carol and Joseph (Coke) Yancosky who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 2, 2013.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of January 2013:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of January 2013:

The Department answered 342 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	64
Requests for assistance	7
Assist Other Departments	7
Accidents investigated	4
Calls Returned	15
Assist Medic 10	8
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 28 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	21
Crimes Code	7
Borough Ordinance	0
Warning Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	16
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	3
Void / Excused	0

\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	8	\$	

		32.00	
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
		\$	
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	15.00	
		\$	
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	3	30.00	
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd	0	\$	-
		\$	
Return from Magistrate Eckels		1,064.41	
		\$	
Return from Clerk of Courts		941.40	
		\$	
Return from Report Fees		135.00	
Return from Parking Permits		\$	-
Return from Soliciting Permits		\$	-
Return from Restitution			
		\$	
Total		2,217.81	
		\$	
1 Meter Collection		\$	-
		\$	
Total Receipts for the month		2,217.81	

Mayor Lucia read a letter from the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority stating that they are concerned about the amount of tickets that were issued in the parking lots for the year 2012. The Authority pays the Borough \$450 each quarter for the service of issuing the tickets and in 2012 only 50 tickets were issued. Mayor Lucia stated that this issue will be addressed with Police Chief Ober. May Lucia said that it is the responsibility of the Parking Authority to empty the meters so that they can be used.

Mayor Lucia said that he has received a request to have speed bumps put in the unnamed alley between the Library on Church Street and College Avenue.

Mayor Lucia said that through the Westmoreland 911 Public Safety Department he met a mayor from France who was interested in learning how the United States handles emergency management. The visiting French mayor said that he has visited New Orleans and locations in California and ranks Westmoreland 911 Public Safety Department ahead of all of them. Mayor Lucia talked about the conference and a little about how emergency management is handled in France.

Mayor Lucia said that he would like to put rumors that he is not running for reelection as Mayor to rest. Mayor Lucia said that he will definitely be seeking another term as Mayor of Mount Pleasant because he wants to be a part of the future of the Borough.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky said that in January and February she is only collecting Per Capita Tax and this month the total collected was \$159.50.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to sign a landowner agreement with Jacobs Creek Watershed Association for Willows Park Stream Bank Stabilization Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to appoint Michael Ruszkowski to the Mount Pleasant Zoning Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Ruszkowski abstained.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to appoint Councilman Cory Snyder to Mount Pleasant Civil Service Board. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Executive Session 7:27 to 8:10pm

President Bauer said that the Executive Session was held to discuss personnel.

President Bauer stated that there are openings on some of the Mount Pleasant Boards and Authorities and anyone interested in serving should send a letter of interest to the borough office.

President Bauer said he had an opportunity to go to ITS Enclosures to see the new Video Wall that will be installed at Veterans Park. President Bauer said visitors to Mount Pleasant Veterans Park will be amazed when it is fully installed. It is another first in the country for Mount Pleasant and ITS Enclosures is already getting requests from other countries to see the completed product.

Solicitor's Report:

Attorney Stacey Mikelonis spoke to Council about the four ordinances that are on the agenda for passage tonight.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy discussed the repair of the Town Clock. Mr. Landy said that he asked members of the church to remove the motor and bring it to the borough office so that we can take it to some repair shops. Councilman McCloy will take it to a company in Latrobe that may be able to repair it.

Mr. Landy said that Medic 10 has purchased some new computers and donated their old one to the borough to be used by the part-time secretary.

Mr. Landy said that if a fund-raising event is going to be held to raise money for the July 3rd fireworks a decision must be made by the next council meeting. Mr. Landy talked about a two-day BBQ event at the Gazebo on Memorial Day weekend with approximately 20 vendors. The Borough would use the parking lot across from the Gazebo and close Diamond Street. Another event is a possibility and will be discussed as an option at the next meeting. Borough Manager Landy said if Council decides to go that route he would like a commitment of borough employees to help with set-up etc.

Borough Manager Landy said that we have been approved for credit with Wright Express. Wright Express would issue one gas credit card that can be used at all of the gas stations in the Borough. The Borough would cancel all of its existing gas credit cards and use the Wright Express card. Wright Express would document all gas purchases in reports to the Borough.

Mr. Landy said that Honeywell would like to set up a meeting for next week to give their findings on a study of electric usage at borough facilities. Mr. Landy said he will get with the committee to see what time is good.

Mr. Landy reported that the detention pond project at Frick Hospital has slowed down because of the weather, but continues. Today bids were opened for the rain gardens at Frick Hospital and Frick Park.

Mr. Landy said he has a conceptual drawing for the property behind Grille 31 that will take care of the water problem there. Councilwoman Stevenson spoke about water running off of the church parking lot onto Eagle Street and Council said a catch basin may solve the problem. Councilman Tate said that the first thing to do would be to contact the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to see if there is any water leak involved.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Quarry Street Stormwater Separation Project. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that a meeting was held with the United Steel Workers regarding the Mount Pleasant Street Department and a letter was sent to Street Department personnel. The problems seem to be solved.

Council discussed streets in the Borough that need paved and sealed. Councilman Tate said that he will talk to the Street Department about doing some repair and sealing.

Borough Manager Landy said he spoke to Mount Pleasant Township about participating in a paving project at Woodfield Estates in 2014. Mr. Landy said that the Borough should decide on a paving project for this year so that we will know how much money is left for alleys. Council discussed streets and alleys that need paved.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to appoint Mike Oplinger as Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10 Station Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to appoint Rob Govern as Director of Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

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Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise Ordinance 637 amending Chapter 16 Part 1.B 16-136 (Posting of Security) which establishes the amount of security that must be posted for certain gatherings and activities to be held in borough recreational parks. To be adopted February 18, 2013 Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

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Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she received a letter from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives regarding the open application period for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources recreation and conservation grants and she will be looking at the application process.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that cement and electrical work is needed for the installation of the Video Wall at Veterans Park and will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman McFeaters went over quotes for removing trees along the wall at Frick Park.

A motion was made by Councilman McFeaters to accept the quote from A1 Lawn & Tree Service to remove the trees at Frick Park in the amount of \$3,200. Council discussed whether to have A1 Lawn & Tree Service grind the stumps or have them leave the stump and carve it into a bench. Council agreed to give the Recreation Committee authority to approve stump grinding if the cost is appropriate. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Finance & Human Resources Report: None

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that his committee is working on repairing the motor for the Town Clock, completing the Welcome to Mount Pleasant Sign and surveillance cameras for the parks.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that in 2012 the Borough recycled 162.14 tons for residential customers and 24 tons for commercial customers. Councilwoman Stevenson said that Allied Waste is not picking up Levin Furniture recycling but Levin's can designate us to receive credit for their tonnage.

Communications Report: None

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that the Mount Pleasant Glass Museum has reached an agreement with the BDA to remain in the In Town Shops through February 2013 and they are pursuing leads regarding where they will be on a more permanent basis.

Councilman Tate brought up the subject of Governor Corbet trying to do away with the State Liquor Stores and making liquor sales private. Councilman Tate said that the current location on Main Street would then be an empty storefront and that would impact our business district. Councilman Tate suggested sending a letter to our legislators asking them to vote against Governor Corbet's proposal. Councilwoman Stevenson said she is in favor of Governor Corbet's proposal because she believes that private liquor stores will open in the Borough.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The PSAB Annual Conference & Exhibition will be held in Hershey PA from May 5th to May 8th in 2013.
- The Mount Pleasant Packer Cheerleaders are requesting again this year to use the property owned by the Borough on Standpipe Alley. Council agreed that the cheerleaders can use the location again this year.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:51pm

Motions from February 4, 2013 Meeting

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