

**Meeting March 19, 2012**

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. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, McCloy, McFeaters, Pritts, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and the Solicitor was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 5, 2012 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia brought up the subject of people driving the wrong way on Eagle Street, which is a one-way street. Council has been discussing this problem for some time and has tried to stop it by posting more signs. Mayor Lucia said that one of our police officers has volunteered to do traffic surveillance to try and catch motorists going the wrong way on Eagle. Last week this officer arrested a motorist traveling the wrong way on Eagle Street. The driver was also charged with his third DUI and had no driver's license or insurance. Mayor Lucia said it was a matter of the officer being in the right time and the right place.

Mayor Lucia asked Council to request that Veterans Taxi Cab Company in the Borough provide service on Saturday and Sunday. There are a lot of senior citizens who require transportation, not only Monday through Friday. Mayor Lucia said he would like to see something done on a trial basis, maybe every other weekend.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurers Report for the month of February 2012:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Feb-12</b>			
		<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance 2012</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,802.00	195,881.55	196,683.55	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	635,134.24	94,265.56	87,419.89	641,979.91
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,219.86	7.51	0.00	63,227.37
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		23,227.37			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	310,588.29	49.35	0.00	310,637.64
**Police		50,000.00			
**Streets		70,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		65,921.93			
**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	30,429.91	1.33	10,705.08	19,725.73
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	6,023.34	0.00	0.00	6,023.34
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,801.02	0.07	0.00	1,801.09

Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	29,271.77	54,024.03	74,433.49	8,862.31
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	4,599.99	0.00	0.00	4,599.99
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,259.97	0.34	0.00	11,260.31
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.01	0.02	0.00	613.03
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	45,512.42	30,787.86	38,153.73	35,146.55
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	94,520.06	15.03	0.00	94,535.09
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	610.00	27,739.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,277,002.07</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	243,296.78	64,534.06	53,939.54	253,891.30
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	56,202.60	1,513.15	0.00	57,715.75
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	137,760.56	21.90	0.00	137,782.46
**Contingency		129,213.77			
**Infrastructure		50,000.00			
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>449,389.51</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>1,726,391.58</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski  
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

### Presidents Report:

President Bauer said that he would like to see some of the projects currently started, to be finished before we begin any other projects.

President Bauer said that Officer Grippo reported more vandalism at Jack Bobb's Park. The park is being used more now than it has been in the past but it may be necessary to close the park. Council discussed putting up a camera or more lights. President Bauer said that taxpayers can't continue to put money into the parks to have them destroyed.

President Bauer discussed signage at the Coal & Coke Bike Trail at a cost of \$4,700 to bring the bike trail into Mount Pleasant. President Bauer said that he does not believe that people riding their bikes on the trail will be likely to come into town to shop. President Bauer said that he attended a meeting of the bike trail committee and was told by a representative from the county that the railroad crossing that we requested is not going to go through.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

### Executive Session 7:35pm to 8:04pm

President Bauer reported that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel.

### Borough Managers Report:

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual report for Medic 10 that they requested.

Mr. Landy said he is getting electrical assessments on borough buildings. The reports will be available in two weeks.

Mr. Landy said that Mayor Lucia asked him to look at how much money we have saved in over-time for the Street Department since snowfall has been lighter this year. The savings amount to over \$2,000. Mr. Landy said that those savings will probably have to be used to cover the rising cost of gasoline.

Borough Manager Landy said that he needs to know which council members are attending the PSAB Annual Conference at the end of April. Time is running out to make reservations. There is a possibility that we can get a discount on the cost if we do it soon.

Mr. Landy said that the G-5 Conference is this weekend on March 22, 23 and 24. He reminded Council that it would be nice for members of Council to attend the sessions.

Mr. Landy reported that West Penn Power has looked at the electric bill for the WWT Plant and will schedule a visit to the plant to explain why we are not seeing savings even after we put in new windows and insulation etc.

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

Councilman Tate reported that a company came to the Street Department and gave a demonstration on a roller that they were selling. Councilman Tate said that he does not recommend that the Borough purchase the roller. Connellsville owns a roller and has offered to let us use theirs. That is one of the benefits of the G-5 conference.

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

Councilman Beranek said he will contact a possible candidate to serve on the Civil Service Board.

Council had a discussion about Geo Cache and what impact it would have on the Borough. President Bauer said he would like to see someone address Council and explain the process.

Council had a discussion about the request to hold a Zombie Walk in the Borough and decided to ask the organizer to come back later in the year and discuss it further at that time.

Councilman Beranek said that someone wrote a letter to the editor of the Mount Pleasant Journal and said that they felt the Dog Park was ridiculous and way too small. A discussion ensued and Council agreed that the park is being used and will be a good indication of whether a larger park should be planned in the future.

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

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to suspend the rules for the purpose of appointing a solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to appoint Attorney Mark Edward Wible as solicitor for the Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman McCloy said that Latrobe requested a copy of our Landlord Ordinance.

Councilman McCloy said he would like to attend a PSAB Seminar on Establishing a Rental Property Inspection Program on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Greensburg. Mayor Lucia said he will attend the seminar with Councilman McCloy.

#### **Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilman McFeaters said that he spoke with Representative Kula regarding grant money available for the cement apron at Central Fire Station. Representative Kula said that there is not a lot of grant money available, but there is are funds available for fire department equipment and we should try to add the apron to one of those fund requests.

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

Councilman Tate reported that the back came off the granite bench purchased by the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority across from the Gazebo and needs repaired. Councilman Beranek said that the correct adhesive needs to be used on the granite benches.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to sign a contract with Silvis Landscape Services to apply platinum lawn application to Veterans Park at a cost of \$277.19. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Tate said that the Veterans Park Committee met with ITS Enclosures and Savage about the Video Wall at Veterans Park and the committee is waiting to hear back from them.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

Councilman Crivella said that the weather is getting nice and he would like to see inspections of the parks in the Borough. President Bauer said that he will check his schedule and maybe they can walk the parks in the evening.

President Bauer said that time is running out for the Borough to institute its own parks program and he feels that we should call the Mount Pleasant YMCA to hold the same program at Frick Park that they had last year.

Borough Manager Landy said that he received a letter from Southmoreland School District asking the Borough to host the free lunch program at Frick Park again this year. The program would run Monday through Friday June 18, 2012 and August 10, 2012 excluding July 4<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed that it was a good program and we should do it again this year.

**Finance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to make the following transfers to the Budgetary Reserve account:

**General Fund:**

\$10,000.00	Police
\$10,000.00	Streets
\$30,000.00	Contingency Fund
\$10,000.00	Infrastructure
\$ 2,250.00	BOMP1 Gas Well
\$ 4,572.81	BOMP2 Gas Well
\$ 9,459.96	Frick Park Gas Well
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\$ 8,000.00	Early Warning Siren Grant
\$ 5,000.00	Fire
\$ 2,589.73	K-9

Total General Fund Transfer = \$101,872.50

**WWT Fund**

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Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

**Property Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to authorize Borough Manager Jeff Landy to sign a Sponsorship and Authorization with Honeywell to proceed with a comprehensive study concerning energy usage in borough facilities. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Pritts said that a representative from Honeywell will come and explain the process to Council at a future meeting.

Councilman Pritts said that the Property Committee had a meeting to discuss the ongoing projects in the borough including the welcome to Mount Pleasant signs and an electric insert for the sign at PNC. Councilman Pritts said he should have quotes for the electronic sign by next council meeting.

Councilman Pritts reported that the electronic exit signs have been delivered and will be installed in the Municipal building.

Councilman Pritts reported that the stop sign on the corner of Washington and Quarry is covered with graffiti and needs cleaned or replaced.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report: None**

**New Business:**

President Bauer said that Council received a letter from the Mount Pleasant Police Bargaining Unit notifying us of their intention to commence collective bargaining for the contract beginning in January 2013.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A webinar covering the Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act. Mr. Landy said he would like to attend this webinar. Mount Pleasant Borough has been informed that our share from this Act will be approximately \$4,000.
- Central Westmoreland COG is requesting that the Borough's 2012 Dues be paid.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion not to renew membership in COG. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate not to renew the Borough's membership in the Central Westmoreland COG. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm**

**Motions from March 19, 2012 Meeting**

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