

Meeting March 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 Tate and Councilwomen Bailey, Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia and the Borough Solicitor were present. 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 February 18, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

The cast of the Mount Pleasant Area High School production of "Grease" spoke to Council about the play they will be presenting on April 5, 2013 at 7:00pm and April 6, 2013 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. The cost for tickets is \$5 for adults \$3 for students and are free to all senior citizens. Leo's Grille 31 has agreed to add dinner to a special show package on Saturday evening.

Mayor Lucia proclaimed April to be "Grease Month" in the Borough and presented a proclamation to the cast of the high school production of Grease.

Mayor's Report:

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

Report of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department for the month of February 2013:

The Department answered 342 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	62
Requests for assistance	6
Assist Other Departments	4
Accidents investigated	5
Calls Returned	15
Assist Medic 10	7
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 68 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	61
Crimes Code	7
Borough Ordinance	0
Warning Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	10
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	2
Void / Excused	0

\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	7	\$	28.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	5.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	4	\$	40.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	15.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	6	\$	60.00
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd	0	\$	-

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$	1,144.68
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$	577.76
Return from Report Fees	\$	45.00

Return from Parking Permits	\$	-
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$	-
Return from Restitution		
Total	\$	1,930.44
1 Meter Collection	\$	902.62
Total Receipts for the month	\$	2,833.06

Mayor Lucia said that Council must make a resolution relating to the equalization of population in the Borough. In 2003 the Borough was sued because we did not have an equal balance between 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wards. The Borough was ordered to equalize the three wards. President Bauer and former Councilwoman Peggy Mullin went door to door and took a census to determine how to adjust the wards. Mayor Lucia explained how the adjustment was made. The reason that a resolution is necessary is because Westmoreland County Elections Bureau has no record of the adjustment.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve Resolution 2013-01 adopting the maps established in 2003 to equalize all three wards. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Lucia said that Borough Council and anyone who wants to go will be attending the Norwin Reality Tour to get a better picture of how it is done. A bus will be leaving at 5:00pm from the Mount Pleasant High School on Tuesday March 12th. The Reality Tour educates parents and young people on the dangers and consequences of drugs and alcohol.

Mayor Lucia said that he has received a request to name the short alley between Morewood and 1st Street Beranek Way.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to name the alley between Morewood and 1st Street Beranek Way. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Solicitor's Report: None

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky gave the following report for the month of February 2013:

Per Capita Taxes = \$104.50

Total Collected = \$104.50

Ms. Yancosky said that property tax statements have been mailed and home owners should receive them by Friday. Please call the tax office on Monday if you have not received your tax statement. Ms. Yancosky said that there is a misprint on the statements that says she is open on Fridays during the discount period. That is incorrect. The tax office will be closed every Friday including during the discount period. Also, if you would like a receipt please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

President's Report:

President Bauer said that there was a meeting with Honeywell regarding savings on our electric bills and that process is moving forward.

President Bauer said the Penn Theater should be demolished sometime in March and we can begin work on the proposed parklet.

President Bauer said that he wants to put rumors that the Mount Pleasant VFW is closing to rest. The VFW will remain open. Talks are going on with a couple of restaurants who would like to come in and make it a full service restaurant attached to the club.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the intern, Laura Bruner, from WCCC has been working on our website and has improved the navigation and all information is up to date.

Mr. Landy said that a representative from the County has asked him to start meeting with the Borough Engineers to start the construction planning of the parklet at 100 Main Street. Some of the work should be ready to bid soon. The County has awarded the bid for the demolition of the theater and demolition will move forward pending one more historic clearance. The theater is located in the Historic District and has to be cleared for demolition.

Mr. Landy reported that the surveillance cameras are being installed at Willows Park, the Soccer Field and Frick Park. Money for the cameras will come from a DCED Grant.

Mr. Landy said that he has asked Vo-Tech to build another podium to be used at the Gazebo.

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual report on their desks to determine how the first quarter is shaping up.

Mr. Landy said that the G7 Conference will be held at Laurelville Mennonite Camp on April 18, 2013 thru April 20, 2013. Mount Pleasant Borough will be hosting the "Crime Control" seminar as well as "Relationship With State and Regional Police". All council members and borough employees are invited to attend the round table discussions. The President of The League of Cities will attend as well as a representative from the PSAB. Mayor Lucia commended Borough Manager Landy on his hard work in creating and organizing the conference which is in its fourth year.

Mayor Lucia also pointed out that the parklet at 100 Main Street will help to revitalize that end of Main Street and thanked Borough Manager Landy for all of his hard work making it happen so quickly. Mr. Landy said that the parklet will be only the beginning. The Borough will begin working on new lighting on that end of Main Street and the parklet will be the focal point somewhat like the Gazebo on Diamond Street. Council went on to discuss progress that has been made on Main Street with all of the new businesses that have opened and are thriving.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

President Bauer said that a meeting was held with Honeywell about electric savings at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

President Bauer reported that letters will be sent this week to the homeowners who will be involved with the Quarry Street Project.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that Street Department personnel, between snow storms, have been working at Willows Park trimming trees etc.

Meetings will be held with the company that won the bid for the electrical upgrade at Willows Park so that work can begin when the weather breaks.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that the Veterans Park Video Wall is ready to be installed as soon as the cement work is done. Borough Manager Landy said that the borough office can begin to accept applications for the Video Wall.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Tate said that the new police vehicle will be delivered on Wednesday.

Councilman Tate read the following Fire Report for the month of February 2013:

Total Calls 43
In Town 12
Out of Town 31
10-45's 13
10-45's W/Entrapment 1
Fires 16
AFA's 3
Public Service 7
Standby's 3
Turnpike Calls 3
Total Men Answering 656
Average Member Per Call 15
Total Man Hours 632

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to hire Diane Washington as a part-time Crossing Guard. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Tate said that he received a request from the American Cancer Society Relay For Life allowing them to have a fundraiser throughout the month of May 2013. The fundraiser would be "Honor Your Stars". They would like to sell "in honor of or in memory of" stars. These stars would be painted on the sidewalk of Main Street in Mount Pleasant with a semi-permanent paint that will wear off over time. The business where the star is located would have to give their permission.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Relay For Life fundraiser Honor Your Stars on Main Street during the month of May 2013. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report: None

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the proposal from Higbee Insurance Inc. for Workers Comp Insurance for the period of 3/1/13 to 3/1/14 in the amount of \$46,551. This cost includes \$43,372 for Workers Comp and \$3,179 for Police Heart & Lung Insurance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 5-0.

Property Report:

President Bauer said that the Welcome To Mount Pleasant sign has been installed on the west end of Main Street.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that Councilman Pritts got a quote from Handyman Joe to install double doors on the side of Central Fire Station.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to accept the quote from Handyman Joe to install doors at Central Fire Station. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the quote from Handyman Joe in the amount \$2,733.62 to install double doors on the side of Central Fire Station. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Council discussed recycling containers used by residents in addition to their regular blue container. These containers cannot exceed the size of the blue recycling containers provided by Allied Waste. If they do, the recycling truck will not empty them and the regular garbage truck will take the recycling.

Communications Report: None

New Business:

President Bauer said that he was approached by someone who would like to see links to area churches on the Mount Pleasant Borough web-site where people could see schedules of worship services.

Councilwoman Bailey reminded pet owners that they must clean up after their pets even in the cold weather.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Mount Pleasant Glass Museum is going strong. There was a nice gathering this past Saturday. Peter O'Rourke was there cutting glass. There will be another presentation by a woman from the Heinz History Center. Councilwoman Bailey asked if the museum accepts donations of glass and Councilwoman Stevenson said they do.

President Bauer said that he would like to say again that he does not want Angie's Restaurant to move out of the Borough as was rumored. Angie's is the only place that serves breakfast in the Borough and would be missed.

President Bauer reminded Council that all council members must be NIMS ISO100 and ISO700 certified. You only have to be certified once, but the new council members must take the classes and get certified. Mayor Lucia said that it is possible to go on-line now.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A request from Mark Krystyniak regarding 222 Depot Street. The property does not currently have a zoning designation. Mr. Krystyniak needs a zoning designation in order to tell prospective buyers. Solicitor Wolfe said he will have to look at what needs done to correct the situation. The second question Mr. Krystyniak had was the weight limit on Kennedy Avenue. Mayor Lucia said that the weight limit is 10 tons and Cramer Welding once or twice a year has a delivery truck over that weight. Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza said that there is a heavy base on Kennedy Avenue that will support heavier weight. Mr. Landy asked Council to be ready to make a decision at the meeting on the 18th.
- The Westmoreland County Borough Association will hold its annual banquet on Friday April 19, 2013 beginning at 6:00pm at Lakeview. Any council member who wants to attend should inform the borough office.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:12pm

Motions from March 4, 2013 Meeting

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