

Meeting April 22, 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 asked for another moment of silence for two borough residents who passed away, long time business owner Jack Beranek and Tom Proud who was a past commander of the Mount Pleasant VFW. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman McCloy, Wojnar, Pritts, Snyder, Tate and Councilwomen Bailey and Stevenson 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 April 1, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speaker:

Rob Keeler, Secretary, Coal & Coke Trail spoke to Council regarding some misunderstanding regarding the safety fence along the bike trail at Willows Park. The survey shows that the Coal & Coke Trail bought a right-of-way that involves property currently used by the Mount Pleasant Soccer League, bleachers and lights and possibly part of the field. There are rumors that the Coal & Coke Trail is trying to deny the Soccer League use of that property and Mr. Keeler assured Council that is not true. There are some issues of liability and insurance coverage and the Coal & Coke Trail officials have asked for certificate of insurance from the Soccer League making the Coal & Coke Trail second insured. There is no expense to the Soccer League to do this. But representatives from the Soccer League stated that they will have to consult an attorney and that they believe their insurance only covers players who are playing on the field. Mr. Keeler said he may need help from the Borough to get this resolved in case anyone is injured on Coal & Coke Trail property. Mr. Keeler stated that the Coal & Coke Trail insurance covers the trail properties and the adjoining property owners from trail users. Mr. Landy said that representatives from the Soccer League said that they feel it is an issue for the Borough because they own the property that the soccer field is on. Mr. Keeler said that there are also issues of soccer spectators watching the game from the bike trail and letting their children dig up the trail as if it were a beach as well as unsupervised children running on the trail. Trail officials would like to put up a safety fence right along the edge of the trail to block that type of traffic and funnel it into a crosswalk so that the trail can be marked with a pedestrian crossing and the trail as a bike trail. Mr. Keeler said that Soccer League officials are against the fence. Mr. Keeler said that he will be obtaining a fence permit for the fence. Mr. Keeler provided Council with a drawing of the project.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing the Coal & Coke Bike Trail to install a fence along the trail. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to allow the Coal & Coke Bike Trail to install a fence along the bike trail at the soccer field after they have obtained the proper permits. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0. Council agreed to waive the fee for the fence permit.

Dr. Keeler said that the Coal & Coke Bike Trail is looking into the possibility of posting signs for a suggested route for bikers from the trail to Mount Pleasant's Main Street. It would not be a designated bike route, but a suggestion for the easiest way to get to Main Street.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that the radio show for this week will be about Medic 10. Mayor Lucia and Mr. Landy interviewed Medic 10 Director Rob Govern about the history of Medic 10 and where it is going. The Medic 10 Open House will be held on May 11, 2013 from noon to 3pm. Mayor Lucia said he would like to see any Frick Hospital personnel and anyone who has a relationship with Medic 10 to attend the open house.

Mayor Lucia thanked Borough Manager Landy for the success of the G7 Conference that was held on April 18, 19 and 20. It was a huge success this year and very well attended.

Solicitor's Report:

Borough Manager said that Solicitor Wolfe has suggested that the Borough donate the fingerprinting machine to the county with the stipulation that Borough Police personnel can use it assuming the County even wants it any more. If the County doesn't want the machine he suggests that we return it to the agency that gave it to us.

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2013:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Mar-13			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	395,674.71	392,821.71	52,853.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	620,508.02	167,556.99	154,233.57	633,831.44
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,350.83	3.44	0.00	43,354.27
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,354.27				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	370,894.72	73,193.76	48,529.53	395,558.95
**Police	33,127.60				
**Streets	90,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	102,747.08				
**Infrastructure	100,000.00				
**BOMP1 Gas Well	9,250.00				
**BOMP2 Gas Well	4,572.81				
**Frick Park Gas Well	19,423.96				
**Levins	4,365.06				
**Surveillance Cameras	160.00				
**Surveillance Camera Grant	2,182.87				
**Early Warning Siren Grant	3,000.00				
**Fire	15,000.00				
**K-9	11,729.57				
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	1,770.29	0.04	0.00	1,770.33
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,801.99	0.08	0.00	1,802.07
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	959.03	53,685.29	53,694.06	950.26
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	3,111.85	0.00	0.00	3,111.85
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,263.42	0.25	0.00	11,263.67
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.34	0.03	0.00	613.37
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	43,466.99	39,549.31	60,891.66	22,124.64
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	129,758.80	1,016.65	0.00	130,775.45
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	2,877.04	0.00	0.00	2,877.04
Total General Fund Balance					1,309,336.99
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	275,691.78	28,499.51	57,254.75	246,936.54
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	75,883.96	9.66	0.00	75,893.62
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	148,048.82	20,019.85	0.00	168,068.67
**Contingency	108,068.67				
**Infrastructure	60,000.00				
Total WWT Balance					490,898.83
Total Borough funds					1,800,235.82

Respectfully Submitted:
 Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
 Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurers Report as Read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer said that the pamphlet Council is producing regarding the Landlord Ordinance is ready to go to print. This pamphlet will not be paid for with borough funds.

Mayor Lucia said that he has been getting positive feedback regarding the possibility of a Homeowners Association. Property owners who are residents care who their neighbors are and how their neighborhoods look.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Steve Simon from the Mount Pleasant YMCA would like to meet to discuss summer programs in the Borough and the Movies In The Park schedule. Mr. Landy said that we are going to coordinate the YMCA summer program with the Mount Pleasant Library program. Southmoreland School District is interested in doing the free lunch program again this summer from June 17th through August 9th.
- 2012 gas well royalty revenue totals are disappointing but we still save money on gas usage for the Central Fire Station and the Municipal Building.
- First Energy who does our energy generation sent the Borough a notice that our current contract is expiring. When Honeywell did a study of energy costs for the Borough they reported that our rates are some of the best. Mr. Landy said he will turn it over to the Property Committee to decide on who to use after this contract expires.
- Keystate Publishing is the company who maintains our ordinance link on the web site. When Council enacts new or amends ordinances Keystate shows them at the bottom of the link as "new updates" until Council tells them to update the book or ordinances. The cost to update the book of ordinances is \$15 per page not to exceed \$465. Mr. Landy suggested, and Council agreed to update the book once a year.
- A representative from Penn Dot who attended the G7 Conference said he would be willing to meet with borough officials regarding paving Route 31 Main Street. This representative said that if a letter was generated by everyone involved in the G7 that it would carry much more weight. As of now, Penn Dot has no plans to pave Main Street.
- Mount Pleasant Safety Committee met and discussed head injuries. The committee is still working on a survey of borough properties to determine how to make them safer.
- WCCC has a volunteer program and the Mount Pleasant Police Department may be able to utilize volunteers to help with their routine paperwork.
- The motor for the Town Clock has been given to Jim Sebek who will do some measurements on the shaft and then we will order a new motor. When the new motor comes in we will have it installed by the same company who has always maintained the clock and is familiar with it. This company will also offer us a maintenance contract.
- Concerts In The Park will begin on June 2, 2013 and a schedule will be ready for the next meeting.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

President Bauer said that the Quarry Street Project is underway and a safety issue WWT personnel have run into is that the pipe they are cutting gives off a cancer-causing dust. WWT Superintendent Norm Stout has ordered a special tool to allow the pipe to be cut without making dust. The cost of the tool is \$834.40.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to approve the purchase of a transit pipe cutter from H.K. McJunkin at a cost of \$834.40. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that when he attended the G7 Conference a Penn Dot representative informed him that Penn Dot uses only 200 pounds of salt for on mile of a single land road. This same representative said that the Mount Pleasant Street Department equipment needs to be calibrated if we are using too much salt. There is also a new type of cold patch that is longer lasting and we will start using it this year. The Mount Pleasant Street Department will do more sealing this summer also.

Veterans Park Report:

Everything is ready at Veterans Park for the new Digital Wall and it should be up the first week of May. Councilman Tate asked Councilman Pritts about an internet connection for the wall and said that the committee would like everything working and tested two weeks before the dedication on May 26th.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to advertise for sealed bids to purchase the 1996 Jeep Cherokee. Bids must be received by 4:00pm May 6, 2013 and will be opened at the regular council meeting at 7:00pm May 6, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Tate said that Mount Pleasant Borough Police are going to have to start rotating police vehicles for patrol instead of always using the new car to try and keep the mileage down.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion as made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Ordinance #641 allowing the county to inspect Mount Pleasant Borough parking meters. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman McCloy said that the date for the Community Yard Sale has been changed from May 18, 2013 to June 22, 1013 to accommodate other things happening in May.

Councilman McCloy said that Mount Pleasant's Community Picnic will be held on June 18, 2013 this year.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said that Council received a request from Friends of the Library to use the walking trail at Frick Park on June 1, 2013 from 9am to 11am for a Mutt Strutt to raise money for the Library. The Library has purchased event insurance for the event so that the Borough is covered.

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Councilman Wojnar reminded residents and visitors to the Borough that when the weather gets warmer there are more people out walking and more children riding bikes. Everyone has to be aware of this and drivers have to be more aware.

Finance & Human Resources Report: None

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts and Council discussed what type of landscaping will be done to finish the Welcome To Mount Pleasant sign project.

Council discussed different options for continued landscaping and upkeep to the sign and also the Levin monument at Willows Park.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said she attended the Recycling Seminar at the G7 Conference and came away with some ideas for the Borough's future garbage contract. Having large recycling containers available is shown to almost double the amount of recycling.

Councilwoman Stevenson announced that on Saturday April 27, 2013 residents can bring their old and unused drugs to the Mount Pleasant Police Department to be disposed of safely.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that on Saturday May 4, 2013 Westmoreland Cleanways will have a special collection of "hard to recycle" items in Delmont across from McDonalds restaurant. This will include appliances that contain Freon, tires, scrap metal and even vehicles. For more information please go to www.westmorelandcleanways.org.

New Business:

Council discussed ideas for the volley ball court and whether to use it as a batting cage or tear it down and use the space for parking.

President Bauer announced that the Mount Pleasant VFW will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Monday April 29th from 5pm to 7pm. The cost for the dinner is \$6.00 per person.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce sent a letter announcing that they have hired someone to work part-time at the Mount Pleasant office which is located on Church Street next to Hauser Insurance.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:36pm

Motions from April 22, 2013 Meeting

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