

Meeting May 20, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:05pm 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, Wojnar, Pritts, Snyder, Tate and Councilwomen Bailey, Stevenson and Ruszkowski 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 Councilwoman Ruszkowski to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 6, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Dan Sullivan, I.B.T.S., Somerset PA, a non-profit 501C3 Corporation spoke to Council about his company. I.B.T.S. is a property maintenance, code enforcement, inspection and zoning organization and is interested in assisting Mount Pleasant with their inspection enforcement needs. Council discussed inspection rates with Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan said that I.B.T.S. would have an inspector assigned specifically to Mount Pleasant Borough.

Lennie Davis, Sr. Vice President of Retail Operations, Keytex Energy, presented Council with a 24-month renewal contract for electric generation services for the Borough's municipal accounts in June 2013 and for street lights beginning in December 2013. Keytex is a national energy broker specializing in electricity and natural gas. Borough Manager Landy said that Mount Pleasant has been using Keytex Energy since 2010 and has done a good job for the Borough. Mr. Davis said that the current rate the Borough pays is 6.4 cents and this new contract will be for 5.88 cents, which is a significant savings.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to suspend the rules for the purpose of signing a contract with Keytex Energy. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to sign a 2-year contract with Keytex Energy for electric distribution for Mount Pleasant Borough municipal accounts beginning in June 2013 and for the street lights beginning in December 2013. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that he attended the Girls Softball 100-Inning Fun Day until 1:00am. The event went until approximately 2:15am and it was a great success.

Mayor Lucia said that Medic 10's open house on May 11th was very successful and informative. They explained the new technology being used by Medic 10. Mayor Lucia said that in mid-summer there will be another open house, this time located at Central Fire Station, and he hopes anyone who missed the first one will attend to see what Medic 10 has to offer Mount Pleasant.

Mayor Lucia said that grass is already becoming a problem in the Borough. There are properties that are owned by banks and some that have been abandoned, where the grass is high and neighbors are complaining. The Borough is trying to contact the persons responsible for these properties but it is difficult. If residents are calling in a complaint about high grass at a property, any information they can supply about the owner or responsible party is very helpful. The Borough has help in the summer months from young people from the Church of God, but it is important for property owners to take responsibility for cutting their own grass.

Mayor Lucia said that there will be a Reality Tour meeting on Thursday May 23rd at 6:30pm at Rumbaugh Elementary School.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report

Apr-13

		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	52,853.00	219,005.74	220,255.74	51,603.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	633,831.44	108,714.97	77,485.81	665,060.60
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,354.27	3.81	0.00	43,358.08
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		3,358.08			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	395,558.95	5,034.10	0.00	400,593.05
**Police		33,127.60			
**Streets		90,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		102,796.78			
**Infrastructure		100,000.00			
**BOMP1 Gas Well		9,250.00			
**BOMP2 Gas Well		4,572.81			
**Frick Park Gas Well		24,408.36			
**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	1,770.33	89,244.63	0.00	91,014.96
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.07	0.07	0.00	1,802.14
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	950.26	60,323.34	60,296.97	976.63
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagra 981293700	3,111.85	0.00	0.00	3,111.85
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,263.67	0.37	0.00	11,264.04
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.37	0.02	0.00	613.39
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	22,124.64	87,683.67	23,910.07	85,898.24
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	130,775.45	1,016.25	0.00	131,791.70
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	2,877.04	0.00	0.00	2,877.04
Total General Fund Balance					1,498,415.37
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	246,936.54	84,082.04	39,946.99	291,071.59
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	75,893.62	9.36	0.00	75,902.98
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,068.67	20.72	0.00	168,089.39
**Contingency		108,089.39			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					535,063.96
Total Borough funds					2,033,479.33

Respectfully Submitted:
 Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
 Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to contribute \$50 to the Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society for the 2013 Community Picnic. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer spoke about false claims in literature passed out by the Landlord Association and election day tomorrow May 21, 2013.

President Bauer said that Memorial Day will be observed in the Borough with a parade at 10:30am with a ceremony immediately following at Veterans Park.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia met with the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority to re-launch the Downtown Destinations web-site that lists properties for sale in Westmoreland County.

Mr. Landy said that he also met with representatives from Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority about demolition of the old Penn Theater at 100 Main Street. Approval has come from the State regarding historical designation and they have given us permission to demolish the building.

Borough Manager Landy said that the borough office has been working on some grants to upgrade the generators at the Municipal Building, Fire Station and WWT Plant as well as one for the installation of the emergency siren.

Borough Manager Landy reported that he got contact information for 344 Washington Street and called them about the high grass. Mr. Landy said that they have cut the grass three times since then and he has told them that if the grass is not maintained they will be cited.

Mr. Landy spoke about the Veterans Park Digital Wall Dedication, the 2013 Concerts In The Park schedule, the Tomato Festival and Movies In The Park. Movies In The Park will be held at Frick Park this year because there is less vehicle noise and lights and because it will be safer for the kids. Mr. Landy said that this year the YMCA supervised summer program will be alternated between Frick Park and Satcho's Park to see if that schedule will attract more children.

Mr. Landy said that the Medic 10 property on Bridgeport Street that the Borough is selling is actually two lots. Mr. Landy asked Council to make a decision regarding whether we are selling both lots for \$15,000 or just one lot.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to sell both Medic 10 lots on Bridgeport Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to sell both lots on Bridgeport Street 21-01321-00000 and 21-01004-00000 for a total of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Lucia spoke about the new businesses and improvements, including the proposed parklet, in Mount Pleasant's Third Ward.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

WWT Superintendent Norman Stout gave Council an update on the Quarry Street Project. Mr. Stout said that cost for stone is going to be higher than anticipated. Mr. Stout said that he has been renting a piece of equipment used to compact stone. The cost of the rental will be over \$3,000 and they have offered to sell it to the Borough for \$4,500. Mr. Stout feels that it would benefit the Borough to purchase the piece of equipment to be used in the future.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that people who attend the Little League games down at Willows Park are not using the designated parking area, but are still parking on the street. Councilman Wojnar said Mount Pleasant Township may have to ticket vehicles that park on the street in order to get the owners to stop and the Little League Officials should get the message to parents of the players.

Councilman Snyder said he received a request from Little League Officials for the Street Department to paint some poles and signs at the field.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the parking spaces on College Avenue need to be repainted. Right now there about five parking spaces being wasted. Councilwoman Bailey also requested that the Police patrol College Avenue to make certain vehicles have parking permits. Drivers are also exceeding the speed limit on College Avenue.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate invited the public to the Dedication of the new Veterans Park Digital Wall on Sunday May 26, 2013. The program begins at 6:30pm and will be followed by a demonstration of the Digital Wall.

Council discussed putting a stop sign or a speed bump in the alley behind Independence Apartments. Tenants of the apartments also requested a cross walk across Main Street. Council discussed if the Borough is allowed to put a cross walk on a state owned road where there is no intersection.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to close Smithfield Street for the annual VFD Street Fair from Sunday June 23, 2013 through Sunday June 30, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to close Main Street from Braddock Rd Avenue to Kennedy Avenue for the Annual VFD Street Fair Parade from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on June 25, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to close Diamond Street from 5:30pm to 11:30pm on July 3, 2013 for the annual July 3rd Celebration. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Snyder reported that Mount Pleasant's K-9 Officer, George Grippo, has found a used Jeep Cherokee to purchase. He should be picking up the vehicle tomorrow and work will begin to make it ready for K-9 police work. Council discussed what to do with the vehicle Patrolman Grippo is currently using and its radio equipment.

Councilman Snyder asked Council if the Borough would be willing to help with the expense of lettering for the new Jeep K-9 vehicle. Council agreed that if there is money in the K-9 Fund then the expense for lettering should come out of that.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that he is still working on the Street Opening Ordinance. It may take some time because it is very involved.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Council discussed the early warning siren and how important it is to the safety of borough residents.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking money from Budgetary Reserve to pay for the installation of the early warning siren. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to take up to \$9,000 from Budgetary Reserve to install the early warning siren. \$3,000 from Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve Early Warning Siren Grant line item, \$2,641.92 from Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve Contingency Fund line item and \$3,358.08 from PNC Budgetary Reserve Contingency Fund line item. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Parks & Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to ratify permission for the Girls Softball League to extend the 10:00pm lights-out rule at the Frick Park Softball Field for the League's 100-Inning and Fun Day on May 18, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Wojnar said that he is still working with two companies to get quotes for fencing for the Girls Softball League Ball Field backstop fencing. This fencing would prevent foul balls from going on private property.

Councilman Wojnar said he is getting prices on padding for the posts at the basketball court. Mr. Splendore from the high school said he would be interested in using the court for his league if padding was installed.

Councilman Wojnar said that he talked about issues in the borough parks with Commissioner Kopas while attending the VFD annual banquet on May 18th. Commissioner Kopas is going to provide names from other municipalities who may have a better solution to the problem we are having with bees in the parks.

Councilman Wojnar said that he received a complaint from a citizen about speeding on Morewood Street. Motorists are using Morewood Street as a detour around the construction on the bridge over Route 119 and many are not obeying the speed limit.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruskowski said that HDH Insurance would like to know if Council wants to insure the parking meters in the Parking Authority parking lots. Council agreed that the Borough should not insure the meters because the parking lots are owned by the Parking Authority. Council agreed that a meeting should be held between HDH Insurance, the Borough Solicitor and the Parking Authority with their Solicitor to inform the members of the Parking Authority that the Borough can no longer insure these parking lots.

Councilwoman Ruskowski said that HDH Insurance informed us that they only insure the In Town Shops building only. President Bauer said that the Borough does not own the building and questions why we are insuring it. President Bauer said that he feels the BDA should sell the building in order to free up money in their budget to improve Main Street. President Bauer said that a meeting will be set up with the BDA and their Solicitor along with the Borough Solicitor to discuss the situation moving forward.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the quote from Zelmor Heating & Cooling, Mount Pleasant PA, in the amount of \$895.00 to install a heating and cooling unit in the office at Central Fire Station. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Pritts reported that borough officials have been trained on how to access the cameras at Willows Park. Councilman Pritts said that there is a problem with band-width when the pictures from the cameras are sent to the WWT Plant. Alarm Promotions will be providing a quote to have a server installed at the municipal building in order for the cameras to be recorded directly here along with the rest of the cameras in the Borough.

Borough Manager Landy said that the motor for the Town Clock came in and Jim Sebek will take it to Penn State Tool & Die to have the shaft made. Once the shaft is made the motor will be installed.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she attended the Library Board meeting this morning and the Board requested the Borough's help in putting new concrete pads at the rear door of the Library.

Borough Manager Landy said that Tax Collector Yancosky is sending out letters to collect past due per capita tax from 2012 at the same time that G.H. Harris is collecting past due Per Capita Tax for 2011.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Phyllis Shumar sent a letter requesting that the Library be allowed to put up a banner inside the Mount Pleasant sign at the old PNC drive-thru advertising the Mutt Strutt and an Art Show. Council agreed that permission should be granted to the Library and will be given on a case-by-case basis in the future.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. 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 9:12pm

Motions from May 20, 2013 Meeting

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