

## Meeting May 23, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:04pm 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, Pritts, Tabita, Tate and Councilwomen Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe 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 May 2, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

### Public Comment:

Curtis Peck, S. Geary Street, Mount Pleasant asked approval to re-shingle the pavilion roof at the Little League field at Willows Park for his Eagle Project. The total cost would be \$860.83 to replace the shingles or \$1,103.84 if the roof deck needs replaced too..

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Mr. Peck said the project will take 2 full weekend days and the pavilion will have to be closed during that time. Mr. Peck said that he will submit paperwork for Council to sign.

Sherry Wingrove 430 W Main Street Mount Pleasant spoke to Council about her property at 432 - 434 W Main Street Mount Pleasant. Magistrate Eckels has decreed that the structure must be demolished and razed to the ground. Ms. Wingrove proposed demolishing the structure and leaving the foundation. Daniel Miller, Miller & Sons Construction, Acme PA said he has two ways of handling the project. President Bauer asked Solicitor Wolfe's opinion on changing the court order and Solicitor Wolfe advised against it. It is not up to Council to approve changes to a court order.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to allow 5 more minutes for this topic. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Wingrove proposed removing the top two stories and leaving the foundation except for the 16-foot addition along with the first floor front wall as a façade. The remaining space would be used to store their lawn mowers, snow blowers etc. and a railing would be put up all the way around so that no one could get to the roof of the remaining basement. President Bauer said that Ms. Wingrove will have to submit the plans to Magistrate Eckels for review. Mr. Ed Howley, B.I.U. said that the court order states that the structure must be razed and the property backfilled and leveled. Mr. Howley said that the Wingroves will have to prove that the foundation is safe and sound and the Borough will have to approve the zoning for storage at that location. The plans for retaining the façade would have to be approved by an engineer and Magistrate Eckels. President Bauer said that the Wingroves will have to submit plans to the Ordinance Committee for approval. Mr. Howley said that Ms. Wingrove will have to submit plans to Council and then get engineered drawings submitted to the County along with a zoning variance, all within the 60 days specified in the court order from the Magistrate.

**Speakers:** None

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia asked Councilman Tate which properties the Street Department is mowing. A discussion ensued regarding which properties should be done by the Street Department.

Mayor Lucia said that the Borough received a CDBG Grant for \$5,000 for an early warning siren. Mayor Lucia and Mr. Landy are working on finding the right company and the right type of siren to use. There will be one siren and it will be erected on top of the Municipal Building. It will be the responsibility of the Borough to activate the siren in case of emergency.

President Bauer congratulated Mayor Lucia on his victory in the primaries for Westmoreland County Commissioner.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2011:

**Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report**

		<b>Apr-11</b>			
		<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance 2011</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	344,915.13	168,224.13	226,691.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	546,045.29	67,169.54	51,960.84	561,253.99
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,124.52	12.54	0.00	63,137.06
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		23,137.06			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	336,071.81	135.19	4,000.00	332,207.00
**Police		50,000.00			
**Streets		70,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		85,251.35			
**Infrastructure		80,000.00			
**BOMP1 Recreation Fund		7,000.00			
**Frick Park Recreation Fund		9,964.00			
**Levins		10,000.00			
**Surveillance Cameras		9,000.00			
**Fire		5,000.00			
**K-9		5,991.65			
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	26,537.49	93,229.25	0.00	119,766.74
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.26	0.08	0.00	1,800.34
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,155.71	57,210.58	57,404.20	962.09
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	5,712.40	0.00	0.00	5,712.40
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,257.24	0.27	0.00	11,257.51
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.75	0.03	0.00	612.78
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	34,620.47	67,836.39	19,173.42	83,283.44
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	83,715.61	33.72	0.00	83,749.33
Storm Water Retrofit Phase I	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	948.00	0.00	0.00	948.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	61,997.78	0.00	0.00	61,997.78
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,559,969.19</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	252,362.02	90,627.96	53,969.33	289,020.65
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	41,026.27	1,520.93	0.00	42,547.20
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	178,767.77	72.01	0.00	178,839.78
**Contingency		128,839.78			
**Infrastructure		50,000.00			
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>510,407.63</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,070,376.82</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski  
 Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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

**President's Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to allow Relay For Life use of the Command Trailer on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer said that he would like to recognize Friends of the Library as citizens of the month on June 6, 2011.

President Bauer said that the following firemen were honored for their years of service at the Firemen's Annual Banquet:

Mark Kraisinger	35 Years
Shawn Markiewicz	25 Years
James McElfresh	25 Years
Richard Kujawa	20 Years
Rob Stanek	20 Years
Allan Maceyko	15 Years
David Wawrzyniak	20 Years

President Bauer said he received a letter from Michelle Premoshis regarding the curb on Frick Avenue. President Bauer asked Councilman Tate to have the Street Department look at the situation and make a recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

#### **Executive Session 7:35pm to 8:10pm.**

President Bauer said the Executive Session was to discuss legal issues.

President Bauer reminded everyone that Memorial Day is Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> and asked Council to participate in the service at Veterans Park. Also they will be putting flags on graves at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to help.

#### **Borough Managers Report:**

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- There will be a fireworks test this week and he will email Council to let them know the date.
- Randy Klimchok would like to have a meeting of the Planning Commission on June 6, 2011 at 6:00pm in Chambers before the council meeting.
- The Youth Group from the Mount Pleasant Church of God would like to help out in the Borough this summer. They could cut grass at properties in the borough that are owned by banks and paint some fences. The program will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>. The group is requesting 3 weed-wackers and 2 push lawn mowers to do the jobs. The group would be working on the weekends and will pick up the equipment they need from the Street Department on Fridays.
- Al Dawson, Medic 10 said that the proposed community garden can be on the property next to Medic 10 parking lot and Medic 10 will oversee the garden.
- There will not be a Private Industry Council program this year because of lack of funding. PIC would like a letter from the Borough to support the program for next year.
- The United Steelworks have assigned a mediator for contract negotiations for the Street Department union. The Borough must submit a proposal by August 1, 2011.
- Southmoreland School District will start a summer food program in the Borough on June 27, 2011 and it will run through August 12, 2011. The program will be run out of the concession stand at Frick Park.
- A field investigation and conference by the Public Utility Commission about the railroad crossing in the Borough will be held on June 8, 2011 at 10:00am at the site. The Public Utility Commission will make the final decision on the issue.
- Bert Getto, Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority, has requested that the Borough continue with the CDBG program they offer.
- There will be a Sheriff Sale at 364 Washington Street on Tuesday July 5, 2011.

#### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Tate said that Norm Stout, WWT Supervisor will do some work at Jack Bobb's Park and the engineers and the electrical contractor will be coming on Thursday to begin the electrical work.

**Street Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the repair of the Street Department Crack Sealer by Seal Tite at a cost of \$1,600. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to award the E. Vine Street and Yoder Avenue paving project to Victor Paving for the amount of \$41,838.25 pending Penn Dot approval. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to close Smithfield Street for the annual VFD Fair June 19, 2011 to June 25, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to close Route 31 Main Street from Braddock Rd Avenue to Kennedy Avenue on June 21, 2011 for the annual Firemen’s Parade from 6pm to 8:30pm. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

**Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2011:

Total Calls	49
In Town	26
Out of Town	23
10-45	12
10-45 W/Entrapment	1
Fires	7
AFA’s	8
Public Service	19
Standby’s	2
Turnpike	1
Total Men Answering	958
Avg. Member Per Call	19
Total Hours	386

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to approve part-time police officers to work 32 hours per pay week with a maximum of 64 hours per pay period. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilman McCloy said he is attending classes at Ligonier Township on zoning and ordinances given by Smart Growth.

Councilman McCloy said he has ordered 50 signs for the community yard sale on June 11, 2011. Councilwoman Stevenson said that if maps are printed for the yard sale The Cat Committee will hand them out while they are having their sub sale at the Doughboy on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:** None

**Veterans Park Report:**

Councilman Tabita discussed the progress of the Veterans Park Video Wall.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to appoint the following individuals to the Recreation Advisory Board: Rick Rega, James Wojnar, Brett Miller, John Campbell, Brian Zelmores, Scott Salvatore, John Zylka, Scott Pfeifer, Frank Crivella. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to allow the Glass & Ethnic Festival use of Frick Park on August 19<sup>th</sup> for their 2011 annual Mount Pleasant Cruise Night beginning at 6pm. The rain date will be August 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Crivella discussed the progress of the Jack Bobb's Park project.

Councilman Crivella said that he received a quote for putting a lighted flagpole in Frick Park. President Bauer said that he feels the money could be better spent elsewhere and the Girl's Softball League could put the flag up before the game and take it down after the game. Councilman Crivella said that he will get another proposal that will include upgrading the electrical panel box at Frick Park.

Mayor Lucia said that officials from the Girls Softball League made a request that the Borough put a restroom at the concession stand. The league would lock and unlock the restroom for each game.

Mayor Lucia said he received a letter from the Protratsky family offering to donate a portion of the funds that they raise for the Elias Procratsky SIDS Memorial Golf Outing to the Borough to fix up Willows Park.

**Finance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the renewal proposal from HDH Group, Inc for the Borough's liability insurance for the year June 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012 at a cost of \$61,239.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

**Property Report:**

Council had a discussion regarding the Welcome to Mount Pleasant signs and the progress of the project.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she picked up the recycling containers from Westmoreland Cleanways for the Girls Softball field at Frick Park and the Soccer and Little League fields at Willows Park.

**New Business:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Cat Committee will be having a hoagie sale on June 11, 2011.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that the Mount Pleasant Historical Society will be sponsoring a book signing on Thursday May 26, 2011 with Cassandra Vivian who is a member of the Historical Society and a published author.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Central Westmoreland Council of Governments will be holding a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the COG office.
- Westmoreland County Borough's Association will be holding a meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Westmoreland Conservation District office.
- Mount Pleasant Historical Society sent a letter requesting a donation for the Community Picnic.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting adjourned 8:50pm**

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