

Meeting May 6, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:00pm 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 and Ruszkowski 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 Ruszkowski to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 22, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Ed Malone, President, Mount Pleasant WPIAA Girls Softball League asked Council's permission to extend the 10:00 lights out rule at the Frick Park Softball Field for the league's third annual 100 Inning and Fun Day on May 18, 2013 beginning at 8a.m. Mr. Malone also invited Mayor Lucia and all council members to attend.

Mr. Tom Altman, 110 Danko, Greensburg PA 15601 spoke to Council about the proposed Homeowners Association, which he referred to as the Citizens Committee.

Mr. Gerard Rending, Route 31, Mount Pleasant PA 15666 spoke about issues in the upcoming primary election and voiced his objection to the Landlord Ordinance.

Mr. Kevin McFeaters, Route 819 Mount Pleasant PA 15666 presented a petition previously submitted to Council to have the Landlord Ordinance repealed. Mr. McFeaters claimed that Council would not meet with the Landlord Association after it was formed. Mr. McFeaters voiced his objection to rental inspections.

Ms. Cindy Huffman, Mount Pleasant YMCA, Bessemer Road, Mount Pleasant PA 15666 spoke to Council about the YMCA summer park program, paid for by the Borough, that will be in its third year this summer. This year they would like to have the program at Satcho's Park in the month of June and Frick Park in the month of July. The program will begin this summer on June 10th and will end on August 2nd.

Mr. Tony Splendore, 209 Elm Drive, Mount Pleasant PA 15666, spoke to Council about forming a Boys Basketball League in Mount Pleasant for Mount Pleasant residents. Mr. Splendor asked Council's permission to advertise in the Mount Pleasant Journal and to organize the league.

Speakers:

Mr. Allen Kukovich, Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County, spoke to Council about the past and future goals of Smart Growth. Mr. Kukovich told Council about Mount Pleasant Borough Manager Landy's valued participation on the Smart Growth Board of Directors and his speech on the Economic Growth Connection and the Route 981 corridor. Mr. Kukovich talked about the lack of funding for local governments. One of the ways to acquire funding is through collaborative efforts and Mr. Landy has spearheaded cooperative efforts with neighboring communities.

Mr. Florian Rajakovich, HDH Group Insurance spoke to Council about the Borough's property and casualty insurance. Mr. Rajakovich said that HDH handles the insurance needs for over 200 entities in Southwestern Pennsylvania and he is impressed with the involvement of Council in the insurance needs of this Borough. Most other elected officials are not as involved. Mr. Rajakovich said he has presented the renewal proposal to Mr. Landy and if any council member would like to go over it they can contact him with any questions they may have.

Mayor's Report:

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

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of April, 2013

The Department answered 402 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	55
Requests for assistance	2
Assist Other Departments	2
Accidents investigated	6
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	4

The Department made 61 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	31
Crimes Code	6
Borough Ordinance	0
Warning Issued	2

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	53
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	10
Void / Excused	4

\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	23	\$	92.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	3	\$	15.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	5	\$	50.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	30.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	6	\$	60.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$	1,255.70
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$	413.13
Return from Report Fees	\$	45.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$	25.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$	-
Return from Restitution	\$	-

Total \$ 1,985.83

1 Meter Collection \$ 1,274.56

Total Receipts for the month \$ 3,260.39

Mayor Lucia said he attended opening day ceremonies for the Girls Softball League, Little League, Minor League and Soccer League and he was pleased to see all of the parents getting involved with their children as well as the coaches, league officials and officers who give so much time and effort to the programs.

Mayor Lucia said that the Drug Task Force has been very active in Mount Pleasant and the surrounding areas this year. All areas have a drug problem and Mount Pleasant is fortunate to have one of the heads of the task force working for the Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Mayor Lucia said that the next meeting of the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour will be on May 23, 2013 at 6:00p.m.at Rumbaugh School. Anyone who wants to volunteer for the tour is welcome to attend.

Solicitor's Report: None

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of April 2013:

Property Taxes	\$296,958.20
Supplemental	\$ 290.60
Per Capita	\$ 55.00

President Report:

President Bauer said that Mount Pleasant Residents will be receiving a pamphlet in the next couple of weeks entitled "The Truth About Mount Rental Inspection Ordinance". The pamphlet will put to rest some of the lies that have been circulating and make the purpose of the ordinance clearer. The pamphlet was put together by President Bauer, Councilwoman Stevenson and several other council members.

President Bauer answered some of the public comment by saying that he feels citizens of the borough would benefit by re-electing current council members because they have been working for the people without any personal agendas. Some of the candidates are running for office for the purpose of repealing the Landlord Ordinance only. President Bauer talked about the proposed Homeowners Association and why homeowners in the Borough feel it is necessary to protect the value of their property.

Councilman Tate commented that Council asked the landlords to form an association five years ago and they waited until the Borough began enforcing the Occupancy Inspection Ordinance to actually form the Landlord Association. Councilman Tate said that Mr. McFeaters had over 12 months on Council to voice the landlord's opinions and proposals but waited until now to do so. President Bauer said that this Council has the best interests of homeowners and tenants in mind and wants to see Mount Pleasant move forward and become a better place to live.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Mr. Landy spoke about Economic Community Days where he spoke and the other officials who attended. Mr. Landy said that he received a lot of positive feedback about Mount Pleasant Borough and the steps Council is taking to make the community better.
- Borough Manager Landy said that Indiana University of Pennsylvania is going to send an intern who will be working on GSI mapping in the Borough. The map will include the entire Borough and will include such things as single family homes, rentals, businesses etc.
- Mr. Landy thanked Council for their support of the G7 Conference.
- Mr. Landy asked Council to look at the budget and already start thinking about any projects they would like to see happen in 2014.
- Borough Manager Landy presented Council with a schedule of the 2013 Concerts In The Park.
- Mr. Landy said that the summer program run by the YMCA will be at different locations this year and will be coordinated with the summer program hosted by the Mount Pleasant Public Library and the free lunch program run by Southmoreland School District.
- The Frick Hospital Stormwater Detention Project is coming to a close. Trees will be planted and the second phase of the project will include a rain garden at Frick Park that will be coordinated with other improvements in the park.

Waste Water Treatment Report: None.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that he has been working with Councilman Wojnar on the project at Frick Park to remove the trees that were causing a problem with the wall and the walking track. The committee discussed moving the wall back two or three feet to widen the alley to make it safer for pedestrians.

Councilman Tate said that Street Department personnel assisted in putting up the new Digital Wall at Veterans Park this week and he has received a lot of positive feedback about the work they have done at Willows Park to enlarge the parking area.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate reported that the Digital Wall has been installed and the software is scheduled to be installed on May 13, 2013. The dedication of the Digital Wall will be May 26, 2013.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Snyder read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2013:

- Total Calls - 39
- In Town - 9
- Out of Town - 30
- 10-45's - 11
- Fires - 15
- Public Service - 4
- AFA'S - 5
- Stand-By's - 3
- Drills - 1
- Turnpike Calls - 1
- Total Members Answering - 619
- Avg. Member Per Call - 16
- Total Personnel Hrs. - 501

Councilman Snyder said that Medic 10 will be holding an open house on Saturday May 11, 2013 from noon to 3p.m. and they are hoping residents come out to see the operations.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to open sealed bids for the 1996 Jeep Cherokee. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer opened and read the following bids:

Sulli Motors, Ambridge PA	\$429.00
Norman Stout Jr., Ruffs Dale PA	\$557.50

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to accept the bid from Norman Stout Jr. in the amount of \$557.50 for the 1996 Jeep Cherokee as is. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that he spoke with representatives from other municipalities at the G7 Conference about their Street Occupancy Permit and the bonding required from the applicant.

Councilman McCloy announced that the Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale will be held on June 22nd from 8a.m. to 5p.m. No yard sale permit will be required on that day. There will be more information about maps etc. in the Mount Pleasant Journal.

Parks & Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to remove the fencing at the volleyball court and make it into a parking area. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Wojnar presented an artist rendering of the proposed improvements at Frick Park.

Councilman Wojnar said that by coordinating the YMCA Summer Program with the summer program offered at the Mount Pleasant Public Library they will be able to work together to make the program an even bigger success.

Councilman Wojnar said he will be meeting with Mr. Splendore about a summer basketball league and is looking into padding for the posts at the basketball court.

Councilman Wojnar said he is working with Mr. Ed Malone on ideas for improving the backstop at Frick Park Softball Field.

Councilman Wojnar said he will be meeting with Mount Pleasant Township Supervisor Frank Pushkar tomorrow morning at Willows Park regarding some parking issues.

Councilman Wojnar cautioned drivers that with summer almost here there are a lot more children playing outside and going back and forth to various sporting events and practice.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Mount Pleasant Street Department will be installing new chains on the swings, new seats and new sand at the playground at Frick Park and they will spray for bees.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the Borough's property and casualty insurance renewal is due June 1st with HDH Insurance and she will meet with Mr. Landy to make sure it's ready for approval at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the LERTA Exemption Application from Rebecca Flack, The Quilt Patch, 806 W Main Street, Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts reported that the surveillance cameras are up and running at Willows Park and training will be scheduled for authorized borough personnel.

Councilman Pritts said that new doors were installed at Central Fire Station and quotes are being requested to replace the air-conditioning unit at the station.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

Councilwoman Bailey announced that Friends of the Library are having a "Mutt Strutt" at Frick Park on June 1, 2013 from 9am to 11am. People should bring their pets. Donations of \$1.00 per leg are requested. Door prizes are being donated by Muddy Paws and the Doggone Dog Salon. Proceeds will go to the Mount Pleasant Public Library.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The resident of 409 Howard Street has requested a handicap parking space in front of their home.
- Someone has communicated that they may be interested in purchasing the In Town Shops.
- Dr. D'Angelo, the Choral Director at Mount Pleasant Area High School is retiring after 25 years on June 30th.
- The monthly meeting of the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be on May 23rd at The Barn on Donohoe Road in Greensburg. Council must RSVP by May 20th.

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 8-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion Carried 8-0.

Motion Adjourned 8:18pm

Motions from May 6, 2013 Meeting

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