

Meeting June 17, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by Vice President McCloy 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. Vice President McCloy directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman Wojnar, Pritts and Councilwomen Bailey, and Ruskowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. Vice President McCloy stated we have a quorum. President Bauer arrived at 7:07pm and took over the meeting.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 20, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment:

Marilyn Forbes, Mount Pleasant asked Council if they have ever considered allowing borough residents to burn one day a week. Council was in agreement that it would not be good for the residents to allow burning in the Borough.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia asked Council's permission to attend the 2013 Mayor's Conference in Pittsburgh from July 17th to the 21st. The cost would be limited to the price of registration because Mayor Lucia said he will not be staying in a hotel during the conference.

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Borough Manager Landy asked Mayor Lucia how to handle the property complaints that are received in the borough office. Mayor Lucia said that when the office receives a complaint the Police Department should come and get the written complaint and respond.

President Bauer reminded Council that the Firemen's Fair is next week and it would be nice if each council member volunteered one evening to help at the fair. The parade will be held on Tuesday June 25th beginning at 7:00pm and council members will be riding in the parade.

Solicitor's Report:

President Bauer said that there is still one item that needs resolved before the landlord lawsuit is finalized. The courts have ruled in favor of the Borough, but there is still one thing that needs to be done and our Solicitor will be taking care of that this week.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		May-13			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,603.00	362,608.20	361,378.20	52,833.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	665,060.60	255,484.19	85,556.15	834,988.64
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,358.08	3.68	0.00	43,361.76
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		3,358.08			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	400,593.05	51.04	0.00	400,644.09
**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	91,014.96	1.18	0.00		91,016.14
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00		5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.14	0.08	0.00		1,802.22
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	976.63	72,024.97	72,024.77		976.83
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	3,111.85	270.00	2,053.03		1,328.82
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,264.04	0.15	0.00		11,264.19
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.39	0.03	0.00		613.42
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	85,898.24	65,077.18	69,423.82		81,551.60
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	131,791.70	1,016.92	0.00		132,808.62
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	2,877.04	89,753.69	33,904.43		58,726.30
Total General Fund Balance						1,720,366.28
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	291,071.59	41,056.84	70,784.29		261,344.14
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	75,902.98	4,522.44	0.00		80,425.42
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,089.39	21.42	0.00		168,110.81
**Contingency		108,089.39				
**Infrastructure		60,000.00				
Total WWT Balance						509,880.37
Total Borough funds						2,230,246.65

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 6-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer reported that the old Penn Theater at 100 W Main Street has been demolished. The debris will be removed and the area will be filled in within the next two weeks. After that, work can begin on the Parklet and Parking lot.

The Frick Park Rain Garden has been started. A tree was removed and the brick wall and bench will be removed this week to accommodate the rain garden.

President Bauer said that juveniles are crawling into Satcho's Park from the Township through a gap in the fence and they have destroyed the borough's four foot fence. President Bauer said that he would like to see the fence extended another 20 feet into the pine trees and put a post on Mr. Pennline's property to close the gap. President Bauer said that he will talk with Mr. Pennline for his permission. President Bauer said that he is going to get the Street Department to paint over graffiti at the playground.

A discussion ensued about attendance at the YMCA Summer Program at Satcho's Park and whether to bring it to Frick Park before the scheduled date. Council agreed to move the program to Frick Park on Monday June 24th.

President Bauer said that he does not approve of Street Department personnel ending work at noon on Friday. Mayor Lucia said that they begin work at 4am to street sweep and quit at noon. President Bauer said that he wants someone on duty until 3pm on Fridays. Borough Manager Landy said he will send a memo to Supervisor Fontanazza instructing him to stagger the work hours on Fridays.

A discussion ensued regarding bullet proof vests for Mount Pleasant Borough policemen. Mayor Lucia said that it is in the police contract for full-time officers that the Borough must provide bullet proof vests. Borough Manager Landy said that it is possible that there could be insurance ramifications. Council discussed ways to ensure that part-time officers wear vests. Borough Manager Landy discussed a grant available for bullet-proof vests and what stipulations must be met to be eligible for grant funds.

President Bauer said a memo must be sent to the borough departments stating that all grants must go through the Community & Economic Development/Grants Committee. Borough administration and department heads will assist in filling out the grants when necessary.

President Bauer said that a memo will be sent to the Mount Pleasant Police Department stating that a full-time officer will be present at every televised council meeting to give a report on drug activity and arrests in the Borough.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Mr. Sobester, who was going to install the motor into the Town Clock has since said that he will not install the motor because he does not believe that the motor is the correct one. Mr. Landy said that he talked with Mr. Jim Sebek and together they are going to contact another company and start again from the beginning. One option is to buy another new motor, the other option is to get the old motor rebuilt.
- Mr. Landy reported that there are a lot of projects in the Borough right now. Council discussed what would be the best way to keep Council informed of the progress of each project.
- Mr. Landy discussed the Woodfield Estates Development. The first 1,000 feet of the roadway are in the Borough, the rest is in Mount Pleasant Township. The Township would like to pave the road, including the Borough's portion. After they pave the road they would like to declare that they have adopted the road and will continue maintaining it. The Borough has never adopted the road and would still collect taxes from the homes that fall in the Borough and there would be minimal Liquid Fuels money lost if we decided to allow Mount Pleasant Township to adopt the road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing Mount Pleasant Township to adopt the road in the Woodfield Estates Development. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to give the road rights to Mount Pleasant Township for the 1,000 feet of road in the Woodfield Estates Development located in the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

- There is a light out at the Doughboy that was hit by an unknown truck. Mr. Landy said that he sent Genesis Electric to replace the bulb.
- P.I.C. is working on providing the Borough with one person per department this summer. There will be three people. One for WWT, Street Department and Administration.
- Mr. Landy contacted ATV Rescue and they have agreed to cut the trees along the railroad tracks at the Soccer Field as a training exercise at no cost to the Borough.
- The Mount Pleasant Rotary reported that attendance at Movies In The Park is very low. They have agreed to finish the movies scheduled for this summer, but may not do it next year. Another option is to show the movie on a week night instead of a Friday to see if more people bring their children. There is also an issue with mosquitos at Frick Park. Councilman Wojnar said he would look into the problem.
- Mr. Landy reported that the chimney phase of the installation of the emergency warning siren will be completed by the end of June 2013. The next phase would be to build the tower. Mr. Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia spoke with Mount Pleasant Township about contributing to the cost of building the tower and they are receptive to the idea.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

President Bauer said that the main line of the Quarry Street Project has been completed and WWT personnel are doing some patching and cleaning up yards.

Mr. Landy said that he received a letter from the lawyer representing Crivelli Chevrolet regarding the sewage project stating that no tap-in fees have been paid or applied for and no coordination concerning the connection of the service lateral into the sewer authority's manhole. Our Engineer has contacted the contractor on the project to get in touch with borough officials regarding these issues.

Streets Report: None

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to ratify approval for payment in the amount of \$140 to Mount Pleasant VFD for two borough representatives to golf in the 2013 Annual VFD Golf Outing. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that the Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale will be held this weekend on June 22nd. There is no permit required for this day and if you would like your yard sale location on the map please call the borough office to register.

Councilman McCloy said that he is still working on the street cutting ordinance, but it may take another couple of months before it is ready for advertisement.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Veterans Park Report:

President Bauer said that he and Councilman Tate are getting prices to put a design coating on the cement at the Veterans Park Fountain.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar announced that beginning June 24, 2013 the Borough's summer parks program in conjunction with the YMCA will be moved to from Satcho's Park to Frick Park.

Councilman Wojnar said that on July 2, 2013 the Cub Scouts will be at Veterans Park and the Gazebo area picking up litter to get ready for the July 3rd Party In The Park. Council discussed options for cleaning the area after the celebration.

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to permit the Glass Festival use of Frick Park on August 16, 2013 for the 2013 Annual "Mt. Pleasant Cruise Night". The rain date for the car show will be August 23, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance and Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to renew Mount Pleasant VFD insurance with Higbee Insurance Inc. in the amount of \$21,542.00 for the year 7/1/13 to 7/1/14. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to distribute a request for proposal/qualifications for a guaranteed energy savings contract in a form to be approved by our Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Pritts reported that he has received quotes for various borough property landscaping projects.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving landscaping of the Levin Monument at Willows Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

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Councilman Pritts thanked Council for their support after the loss of his Father-in-law.

Sanitation & Recycling: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications: None

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all approved and authorized bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:47pm.

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