

**Meeting June 23, 2008**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Tabita 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 Tabita directed Borough Manager Jeff Landy to take roll. Councilmen Bauer, Beranek, Crivella, Tate, Wiltrout and Councilwoman Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Toohey were present. President Tabita stated we have a quorum.

**Reading of Previous Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wiltrout to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 2, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

**Speakers:**

Reverend Hoover and Reverend Hill from the Mount Pleasant Ministerium addressed Council regarding the use of the Gazebo. They are requesting that Council revisit the Parks Ordinance and expand the permitted uses. President Tabita said that the request will be turned over to Committee for discussion and review with open discussions at the next work session.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia said that one of our part-time police officers will be leaving the Borough for a full-time job elsewhere. A new part-time officer will be approved later in the meeting.

Mayor Lucia said that he is working with Officer George Grippo on Property Maintenance issues in the Borough such as high grass.

Councilman Tate asked if the police are still patrolling Frick Park and Mayor Lucia said yes and that they will always be in uniform.

Borough Manager Landy said that it may be time to revisit the part-time police salary. Councilman Bauer said that a pay scale proposal has been put together and should be ready to be implemented in July 2008.

**Solicitor's Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried.

**Executive Session 7:18pm to 8:44pm.**

The meeting reconvened at 8:44pm. President Tabita announced that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel and contracts.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2008:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report:</b>		<b>May-08</b>			
		<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 001223513	51,881.00	382,559.99	381,716.99	52,724.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 11493394	370,439.52	297,596.44	38,901.36	629,134.60
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 10-2457-4388	101,147.80	139.95	0.00	101,287.75
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>783,146.35</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	262,577.85	113,474.37	56,735.13	319,677.09
WWT Certificate of Deposit		150,000.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 287245	50,324.63	84.69	0.00	50,409.32
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>520,086.41</b>
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	148,984.97	268.03	13,143.19	136,109.81
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,435.94	0.00	0.00	5435.94
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	257.14	0.05	0.00	257.19

Payroll Fund	PNC 01226415	8,164.77	63,856.41	70,774.47	1,246.71
Recreation Account	Standard Bank 5003289	1,903.73	0.41	0.00	1,904.14
Veterans Park Fund	National City 981293700	6,554.72	0.00	93.03	6,461.69
Veterans Park PLGIT	PLGIT 5698025	11,028.50	20.78	0.00	11,049.28
Police Drug Enforce.	PNC 1012912642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	609.90	0.12	0.00	610.02
					27815.47

Respectively Submitted:

Councilwoman Chris Rega

1,467,158.04

Borough Manager Jeffrey Landy

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to accept the May 2008 Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Wiltout. Motion carried 7-0.

### **President's Report:**

President Tabita reported that the Main Street Street-Scape Project is almost ready to go out to bid. There is still one property with unresolved issues but they should be worked out soon.

President Tabita said that the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority has said that they will pay the two properties who have electric sidewalks the cost of the electric sidewalk and reinstall sidewalks that are not electric.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to hold a public hearing on July 8, 2008 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers regarding properties affected by the Main Street Street-Scape Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Wiltout. Motion carried 7-0.

President Tabita said we are still working on starting the Main Street Manager Program in cooperation with Scottdale Borough. The Borough will absorb ½ of the cost of the Main Street Manager and the Business District Authority will absorb the other half. The Borough would like to see the Main Street Manager work on applying for grants to benefit Mount Pleasant and the Business District would like to see him work on marketing and developing Main Street as well as events to promote business.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked how we will go about hiring a Main Street Manager and President Tabita said we will work with Smart Growth and Pittsburgh History and Landmarks.

President Tabita said the Borough is reactivating the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission. Council needs to get moving on rezoning. The rezoning plans that the Borough is contemplating are in line with other Boroughs and Municipalities.

### **Borough Managers Report:**

Borough Manager Landy reported the following:

- The new Board between Mount Pleasant and Scottdale for the Main Street Manager needs to be a 5012C3. Mr. Landy has a meeting with Hallie Chatfield from the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority to discuss the program on 6/25/08 at 10am.
- Kriebel Resources reported that the gas well at the Little League Field at Willows Park produced \$473.40 for part of March 2008 and \$1,089.74 for April 2008. The Borough will receive a check in July 2008 for March and April.
- The gas well at Frick Hospital is drilled and will be fracked on Thursday 6/25/08. The Mount Pleasant VFD will be receiving a daily report from Kriebel Resources. Mayor Lucia said that six a class was held for six area fire companies on gas wells.
- The Borough of Mount Pleasant "Limit" signs are in and need to be placed at the designated locations.
- Audits for Medic 10 and the VFD are coming and the Library can send an audit for three years ago and financial reports for the other two years.
- The borough office will send a letter the Laurel Highlands Foundation telling them that we no longer require the services of Chuck Bennet to clean Frick Park and will send a check for payment of the first half of 2008..
- An attempt is being made to get rental properties inspected by writing down the phone numbers on the For Rent signs posted in the Borough.
- The audits have been completed for the General Fund, WWT Fund and all other funds.
- The Pittsburgh Business Times is doing an article on the gas wells in the Borough said that Mount Pleasant Borough has been very creative using the wells to bring in revenue instead of raising taxes.
- Mayor Lucia, Mr. Landy and WWT Supervisor Norman Stout went to Harrisburg to the Federal Surplus Property division and purchased a travel trailer that will be used for the Glass Festival and various Borough functions and miscellaneous items for the Street Department.

- Kelly Vanyo, a nurse currently working at Harmon House has volunteered to be on the Health Appeals Board.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to accept Robert Shaulis’s resignation as a laborer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilttrout. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to advertise for a part-time Waste Water Treatment laborer. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilttrout. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of raising sewage rates. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to authorize Solicitor Toohey create an ordinance to raise sewage rates in the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Safety, Zoning and Ordinance Report:**

Councilman Bauer read the following Fire Report for the month of May 2008:

Total Calls	41
In Town	12
Out of Town	29
10-45	18
Structure Fires	5
AFA’s	7
Public Service	6
Brush Fires	5
Total Men Answering	595
Average Member per call	15

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to suspend the rules for the purpose of hiring a part-time police officer. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to hire James Phillips from Penn, PA as an at will part-time police officer in the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Bauer said that Borough Manager should check with PSAB for find out the average pay scale for a part-time police officer.

Councilman Bauer said that his committee has received a copy of the final draft of the ordinance recodification from Keystate Publishing. He is hoping someone from Keystate can attend a meeting to go over the report.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of naming the alley from Spruce Street to Howard Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to name the alley from Spruce Street to Howard Street DiBenedetto Way. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

**Street Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to accept john Gulisek’s resignation from the Street Department effective July 3, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to advertise for a full-time Street Department employee. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 7-0.

**Finance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to transfer \$3,500 from line item #470.85 (Main Street Project) and \$1,500 from Line Item #486.96 (Hospitalization Deductible Fund) to Line Item #470.80 (Medic 10 Loan Payment). Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

**Property Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to re-advise for bids to replace the roof at the Central Fire Station. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to suspend the rules for the purpose of accepting the Gormley property. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to accept the ownership interest of the Gormley property and to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a Deed transferring the Gormley property to the Borough with all transfer expenses to be paid by the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to pay for four council people and Mayor Lucia to participate in the Mount Pleasant VFD Golf Outing. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Business/Economic Development & Contracts Report:**

Councilman Wilttrout reported that he met with Brad Cunningham from the DEP to go over the grant for curbside recycling and the grant will be submitted this week.

### **Human Resources/Employee Contracts:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is still working on the creation of an employee handbook and will have something for Council soon.

### **Recreation:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to approve the use of Frick Park by the Glass and Ethnic Festival for their annual "Car Cruise" as follows: August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and rain date August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilttrout. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Landy said that Councilman Slater requested that the outer areas of the basketball court be sealed (Frick Alley and between properties). Also that the asphalt needs repaired in the parking area by the Police Station and Frick Park wall.

**New Business:** None

### **Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- USDA Rural Development will hold a meeting to target communities' wish lists of needed projects that will have the biggest economic impact and benefit to municipalities and how RD may be able to help with its various programs on July 31, 2008 at 9:30am at the USDA Agricultural Service Center on Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.
- Mount Pleasant Area Jr. Football League Inc has invited Council to their opening day ceremonies on Saturday August 16, 2008 at 2:15pm at Hurst Stadium in Norvelt, PA.
- On September 8, 2008 the Westmoreland Co Tax Claim Bureau will be selling properties against which claims for delinquent real estate taxes have been filed. They must receive a list of any municipal liens by August 1, 2008.
- Penn Dot is sending a reimbursement for the cost of winter services for the 2007-2008 winter season in the amount of \$750.32.
- The Borough received a card from Patricia Walker, Mayor of Scottdale congratulating us on the Veterans Park Award from Smart Growth.

### **Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilttrout. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned 10:20pm.

### **Motions from June 23, 2008 Meeting**

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