

# Meeting July 22, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:08pm 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, Snyder, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, and Ruskowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 1, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:** None

**Solicitor's Report:**

Mr. Landy said that a request for proposals for the Energy Project has been prepared by Solicitor Wolfe and will be advertised on August 6, 2013. Proposals will be due at the borough office by 3:00pm on September 3, 2013.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

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

**Jun-13**

		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	52,833.00	152,148.59	153,685.59	51,296.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	834,988.64	67,749.85	70,089.24	832,649.25
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,361.76	3.32	0.00	43,365.08
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,358.08				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	400,644.09	49.40	0.00	400,693.49
**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	2,500.00	0.00	5,000.00
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	91,016.14	1.23	4,629.30	86,388.07
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.22	0.07	0.00	1,802.29
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	976.83	53,422.37	53,797.58	601.62
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	1,328.82	150.00	302.33	1,176.49
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,264.19	0.16	0.00	11,264.35
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.42	0.02	0.00	613.44
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	81,551.60	24,745.57	28,165.65	78,131.52
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	132,808.62	1,016.50	0.00	133,825.12
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	0.00	2,571.29	0.00	2,571.29
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	58,726.30	0.00	15,721.44	43,004.86
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,698,333.52</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	261,344.14	27,455.86	63,494.76	225,305.24
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	80,425.42	1,514.22	0.00	81,939.64
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,110.81	20.73	0.00	168,131.54

**Contingency	108,089.39
**Infrastructure	60,000.00

<b>Total WWT Balance</b>	<b>475,376.42</b>
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<b>Total Borough funds</b>	<b>2,173,709.94</b>
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Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski  
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

Mr. Landy explained that the new Medic 10 Community Trust Account refers to money Medic 10 gave to the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. The only money available to Medic 10 from the trust is the interest that is earned. This account will show the interest received from the Trust. This interest can only be used for the Mount Pleasant Gazebo.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the Treasurers Report as read after the date is changed from May 2013 to June 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 7-0.

**President's Report:**

President Bauer announced that an Executive Session was held from 7:00pm to 7:08pm this evening to discuss police personnel issues.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to award the Diamond Street Storm Water Retrofit Project to Silvis Group in the base price of \$49,172.00 pending verification of bid documents. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer talked about recent flooding in the Borough from excessive rain and how the Street Department and Waste Water Treatment are working together to solve some of the problems.

President Bauer said that Waste Water Treatment personnel removed the plants and bushes from the side of the Municipal Building and he spent Saturday laying river rock in the area. President Bauer said that he laid rock about half the distance and the Street Department will complete the job.

President Bauer said that the project to replace the wall at Frick Park should begin soon. The Mount Pleasant Street Department will be doing the work using decorative stone.

President Bauer said that Mayor Lucia is not present tonight because he is recovering from knee replacement surgery. President Bauer said he visited with the Mayor earlier this evening and he is doing very well.

President Bauer said that the building that houses the Mount Pleasant VFW is for sale. A potential buyer has come forward and if the sale goes through the building will be demolished and replaced with another business. The VFW will relocate to another location in the Borough.

President Bauer said he spoke to Mr. Smithofski who owns a specialty glass business in the borough about producing Mount Pleasant Borough Christmas ornaments. The ornaments could be sold to help with the cost of fireworks or other special events.

President Bauer said that the Christmas wreaths for the poles on Main Street need the garland replaced. President Bauer said he would like to find a local group who would be willing to replace the garland.

Council discussed the proposed Girl Scout summer program and agreed that they could hold the program in Frick Park until the beginning of September and Council would re-evaluate their decision then.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- The rain garden project outside the Municipal Building is completed and has proven to be successful. There was not water running down Etze Avenue during the last rain event.
- There will be more rain gardens installed at Frick Hospital and should solve the Church Street runoff problem.
- The Frick Hospital Detention Pond Project should be completed this week.
- Finally the rain garden by the Diamond Street parking lot should resolve the water problem on Union Way behind Leo's Grille 31. That will complete the Storm Water Retrofit Project Grant in the Borough.
- There was storm damage to the bridge at Willow Park that runs from the wood to the soccer field and the Street Department will do the repairs at a cost to the borough of approximately \$1,000.

- There will be a new web host for the Mount Pleasant Web Site. The cost will be around the same and the web site should improve.
- The Mount Pleasant Parking Authority has some questions about the new Parking Lot Ordinance and Solicitor Wolfe is reviewing it.

Mr. Landy said that the Digital Wall at Veterans Park is complete and applications are being received. The Veterans Park Committee was unaware that there is a \$2,000 fee for software integration to allow the borough to add names to the digital wall. It is a one-time fee.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to suspend the rules for a motion to draw money from Budgetary Reserve to pay Industry Weapon for software integration for the Veterans Park Digital Wall. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to withdraw \$2,000 from General Fund Budgetary Reserve to pay Industry Weapon for software integration for the Veterans Park Digital Wall. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager Landy discussed the RFP for the Borough Electric Project. The Borough will have to get a loan to pay for the project and he has spoken to a local bank who is offering low interest. The cost of the project would be between \$600,000 and \$700,000. The project should pay for itself and is guaranteed to save the Borough the amount it is currently paying in electric bills.

The Borough applied for a tax assessment on the property at 100 W Main Street. The assessment was \$21,810 and the revised assessment is \$9,650.

Mr. Landy reported that the topic of June's Safety Meeting was sexual harassment on the job.

Mr. Landy said that we received a request from Ms. Jane Altman who is the owner of McCali Manor on Main Street. Ms. Altman is requesting permission to add 3 more addresses to the Diamond Street side of her building. Ms. Altman is going to add some apartments to the building whose exits will be on Diamond Street. Council agreed that they would do that, but only after the apartments were completed.

Mr. Landy reported that the primary coordinator of the proposed Tomato Festival has surgery scheduled for this summer and can no longer help with the festival. Mr. Landy said that Ms. Barnhart was the originator and doing most of the planning because she held one in the past. Mr. Landy said that since he is unfamiliar with the whole concept he feels the festival should be canceled. Council agreed to cancel the festival, but the issue of raising money for the fireworks remains unresolved. Council decided to go ahead with a Firecracker Ball. Mr. Landy said he would start planning to hold it sometime in November 2013.

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

President Bauer said he has used Waste Water Treatment personnel on a couple of borough projects these last couple of weeks. They removed all of the shrubs and plants from the side of the Municipal Building and they cleaned the debris from the soccer field that was stacked on Bridgeport Street.

**Streets Report:** None

#### **Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Snyder said that he was approached by a part-time police officer about being paid his hourly rate for attending training. It has been the policy that if a part-time policeman wants to attend training they have to do it on their own time because the police budget does not support that cost for part-time officers.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to suspend the rules to add stop signs in the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to add a stop sign at the corner of Center Avenue and Terrace Avenue, making that intersection of 3-way stop. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to add a stop sign at the corner of S. Shupe Street and Spruce Street, making that intersection a 4-way stop. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

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A discussion ensued regarding Clay Avenue and whether it should be one-way or two-way and whether the bridge to the soccer field should be completely closed to vehicle traffic.

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilman McCloy said that Solicitor Wolfe is working on the questions the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority has regarding the Parking Ordinance. Councilman McCloy said that he would like to have a discussion with Council and Solicitor Wolfe about whether the Parking Authority is still an asset to the Borough.

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said she is working on a grant that involves a partnership between Baer Paint and Home Depot that would supply 20 gallons of paint and \$50 worth of painting supplies. The grant paperwork is due by July 31, 2013. Councilwoman Bailey said that we would use the paint for the streets or playgrounds.

Councilwoman Bailey said she looked into a grant for natural gas powered vehicles, but the grant requires that we purchase a minimum of five vehicles and also requires matching funds. Council agreed that the Borough does not have money to pursue this grant.

Councilwoman Bailey said she would call Medic 10 to discuss a grant they are working on.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

Councilman Wojnar said that he is working on a solution to the back stop at Frick Park Softball Field. A fence may not solve the problem and it may be necessary to move the bases back. Councilman Wojnar said that he will meet with Ed Malone, President of the Girls Softball League.

Councilman Wojnar said that the bees are back at Frick Park and he has gotten a quote from Silvis Group for another treatment. But the bees will continue to be an issue as long as there is sand in the playground.

President Bauer said that he spoke to a company in Butler who sells padding for the poles at the basketball court. The cost to cover all four posts will be approximately \$950. The same company sells rubber mulch for playgrounds. President Bauer said that in order to be eligible for DCNR grant funds for our parks we must replace the sand in our parks with rubber mulch.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:** None

**Property Report:** None

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:** None

**New Business:** None

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant Area Junior Football League requested that we place an ad in their program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to purchase a ¼ page ad in the Mount Pleasant Area Junior Football League program at a cost of \$40. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

- The Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce requested that we sponsor a Student of the Month for a cost of \$275.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:42pm**

### **Motions from July 22, 2013 Meeting**

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