

Meeting July 5, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:02pm 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 23, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0. Councilman Crivella abstained from the vote.

Public Comment:

Tim Bauer spoke to Council regarding a senior project he would like to do at John E. Satcho Playground. Council agreed to allow the project.

Citation:

President Bauer and Mayor Lucia presented a citation to Rachel Bundridge, Naughty Paws, recognizing her for the FurFest fundraiser she organized that benefited the Mount Pleasant Police Department K-9 Unit.

Speakers:

Tim Kilberg, McCormick Taylor Engineers spoke to Council about a CDBG Grant for upgrades and beautification to the Doughboy intersection. The project would include installing decorative bollards, matching parking meters and street sign poles along with stamped asphalt crosswalks made to look like brick and a "Memorial Square" sign. The time frame for starting and completing the project will depend on when CDBG receives funding to approve grant applications.

President Tabita said he would like to see a marker that includes the history of Memorial Square. President Bauer suggested granite plaques in the ground at each corner of the square identifying it as Memorial Square.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that there is still a problem with duplicate addresses on Warden Street and Warden Street Extension. The Young Apartments are in Mount Pleasant Township but face Warden Street Extension. Westmoreland Department of Public Safety wants a letter from both the Borough and the Township stating that they would like Warden Street Extension changed to Clay Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to change the name of Warden Street Extension in the Borough to Clay Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Lucia said that the restrooms at Willows Park were vandalized again and it will not be possible to leave them unlocked every day. Council agreed that from now on any person reserving a pavilion at Willows Park will be given a key to the restrooms to open them and lock them back up after their function. When the key is returned to the borough office their security deposit will be returned as long as the bathrooms are ok.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Wolfe said he has items to be discussed in the Executive Session.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of June 2011:

Property Taxes = \$28,317.76
Per Capita = \$379.50
Total = \$28,697.26

Ms. Yancosky said that she had the opportunity to work with the young people at the Firemen's Fair this year and she thinks they should be recognized for all of their hard work.

President’s Report:

President Bauer said the new location for the fireworks on July 3rd was excellent, and the band was a good choice. He thanked Councilwoman Ruszkowski and Councilman Pritts for their help with the furniture raffle and Councilman Tabita for explaining the proposed Video Wall. President Bauer also thanked the firemen for standing by at the fireworks location and the property owner for letting us use his property.

President Bauer said that he has had someone look at the plans for the Welcome To Mount Pleasant sign and was told that the cost of the sign will be under \$5,000. President Bauer said he will meet with Councilman Pritts before the next meeting to discuss getting phone quotes.

President Bauer said that there are some labor issues facing the Borough. The Street Department Contract and the Crossing Guard Contract are both up for renewal. The members of the Street Department Union pay a portion of their health insurance. With health insurance costs rising, Council will have to look at other borough employees paying a portion of their health insurance. The average income for resident in the Borough is \$42,000 and most pay a portion of their insurance.

President Bauer said that we should meet with the Mount Pleasant Area School Board regarding the tennis courts and getting a long-term commitment from them if we want to fix up the courts.

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

Executive Session 7:35pm to 8:25pm.

President Bauer said that the Executive Session was for personnel.

Borough Managers Report:

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the Profit and Loss Budget Vs. Actual Report which will show income and expenses for the first half of 2011.

Mr. Landy said he reported earlier that there would be no P.I.C. Program this year but has since been informed that there will be a FayWest/Fayette Area P.I.C. program this year. Mr. Landy said he requested the same amount of people this year as in the past. There will not be a P.I.C. retraining program this summer.

Mr. Landy said that the July 3, 2011 celebration in the Borough was well attended and he received many favorable comments. Mr. Landy thanked Councilman McCloy “Ready Freddy” for being the evening D.J.

Mr. Landy said there was a meeting with the Westmoreland Conservation District regarding the Rain Gardens. They are currently talking to residents in Ramsay Terrace about the second part of the Phase II Storm water Retrofit Project. There are still some homeowners who have not decided on whether they want a rain garden on their property. We are waiting for confirmations. The money can be used for rain gardens in another part of the Borough if there are not enough resident at Ramsay Terrace interested.

Mr. Landy said that Council has received a request from the owner of the building being demolished on Main Street to block off 2 parking meters for safety reasons. Council agreed that the owner could block the meters between July 6, 2011 and August 6, 2011.

Borough Manager Landy said we are waiting for a proposal from Mount Pleasant Township to tar and chip alleys in the Borough. The Township would like to give a proposal based on a days work instead of per alley.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 2011:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		May-11			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2011
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	226,691.00	293,454.03	469,816.03	50,329.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	561,253.99	374,867.94	67,728.74	868,393.19

General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,137.06	11.24	0.00	63,148.30
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	23,148.30				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	332,207.00	112.07	12,300.00	320,019.07
**Police	50,000.00				
**Streets	70,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	73,063.42				
**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	119,766.74	5.01	4,785.24	114,986.51
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.34	0.07	0.00	1,800.41
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	962.09	64,949.28	64,950.57	960.80
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	5,712.40	0.00	0.00	5,712.40
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,257.51	0.49	0.00	11,258.00
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.78	0.02	0.00	612.80
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	83,283.44	24,441.47	42,067.32	65,657.59
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	83,749.33	10,573.49	0.00	94,322.82
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	897.99	61,099.79
Total General Fund Balance					1,665,838.41
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	289,020.65	35,131.68	40,081.71	284,070.62
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	42,547.20	1,518.87	0.00	44,066.07
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	178,839.78	60.77	0.00	178,900.55
**Contingency	128,900.55				
**Infrastructure	50,000.00				
Total WWT Balance					507,037.24
Total Borough funds					2,172,875.65

Respectfully Submitted:
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

Waste Water Treatment Report: None

Street Department Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to ratify the agreement between Mount Pleasant Borough and Mount Pleasant Township stating that each will pay ½ of 2011 East Vine Street Paving Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Tate said he will be looking at a wood chipper and snow blower for the Street Department. The Borough received CDBG grant money to purchase these items.

Zoning and Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he has been receiving complaints about pet owners not cleaning up after their dogs when they use the neighbors yard.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said that the Levin family donated money for the Bike Trail and we should get the work done sometime this summer.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for a motion to have borough engineers prepare specs for extending the bike trail, signage and bike racks. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Tate said that the donation from Levins was to be used first to fix the Levin Monument at Willows Park. The remainder of the donation can be used for the Bike Trail after Levins has approved the monument.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to have borough engineers write bid specs and bid advertisement to extend the Bike Trail from Willows Park to Veterans Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Tabita said no one showed interest in a community garden this year. Next year we will start earlier and pick a location where more people are interested.

Councilman Tabita said that he would like to see some educational meetings for residents to learn about savings and assistance programs offered by the utility companies.

Veterans Park Report: None

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to appoint Brian Shrum as shift supervisor for Mount Pleasant EMS/Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to ratify Resolution 2011-05 increasing quarterly pension contributions for the year 2011 from \$2.45 per hour worked by a member to \$2.60 per hour worked by member. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to ratify Resolution 2011-06 waiving the required member contributions to the Police Pension for the calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to suspend the rules for a donation from Medic 10 to the 2011 Community Picnic. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to approve a donation from Medic 10 to the 2011 Community Picnic in the amount of \$200. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that there is still a problem with traffic traveling the wrong way on Eagle Street, which is one-way. She would like signs at Caruso's Funeral Home and Walnut Street to be more visible so that drivers don't turn the wrong way onto Eagle.

Parks and Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to designate Jack Bobb's Park as a Young Lungs At Play tobacco-free park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to make Jack Bobb's Park a designated Young Lungs At Play tobacco-free park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer said that the Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival will donate some playground equipment to John E. Satcho Park.

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to suspend the rules for the purpose of accepting Higbee Insurance proposal to renew insurance for the Fire Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the proposal by Higbee Insurance to renew insurance for the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$20,243. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Property Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough received a \$100 donation from Joseph and Kathleen Potocki for the Welcome Sign.

Councilman Pritts said that we have received all of the equipment needed to install the security cameras. The cameras should be installed within two months.

Councilman Tabita said he would like to see a sign for the Municipal Building in the parking lot of the old PNC drive thru. He is looking at a laser cut sign on two posts that could someday include a Homeland Security funded digital sign announcing the security alert level and an Amber Alert. Cost for the sign would be under \$5,000.

Councilman Pritts said he would like Council to purchase a better recording device for recording council meetings.

Sanitation and Recycling: None

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson thanked everyone who came and supported the Cat Committee's fireworks stand.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Phoenix Rehab will host a Western BBQ on Tuesday July 19, 2011 from 5pm to 8pm.
- Central Westmoreland COG is having a seminar on Municipal Right-Of-Way Authority. The speaker will be a member of the Law Group.
- Westmoreland County Fair will hold a press conference on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at 10:00am in the 4H Building. Council is invited to attend.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm

Motions from July 5, 2011 Meeting

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