

Meeting August 5, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:03pm 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, Pritts, Snyder, Tate, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, and 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 July 22, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept for the month of July 2013

The Department answered 364 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	63
Requests for assistance	8
Assist Other Departments	7
Accidents investigated	6
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic	5

The Department made 43 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	36
Crimes Code	6
Borough Ordinance	1
Warning Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	18
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	1
Void / Excused	1
\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	\$ -
\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	
\$3.00 Parking Tickets Paid	
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	15 \$ 60.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2 \$ 20.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1 \$ 15.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	4 \$ 40.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$ 1,055.35
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 231.33
Return from Report Fees	\$ 75.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total	\$ 1,496.68
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1 Meter Collection	\$ 1,540.93
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Total Receipts for the month	\$ 3,037.61
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Mayor Lucia said he received a request from a homeowner at the corner of Pine Street and College Avenue to close Pine Street for an auction on September 14th from 8am to 4pm. Mayor Lucia asked Council to make a motion to allow the street to be closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to allow Pine Street to be closed on September 14th between 8am and 4pm so that an auction can be held. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Lucia said that he would like Council to think about hiring a zoning officer for the Borough. Right now property maintenance issues are handled by the Police Department, B.I.U. and Health Officer Rita Bornstein. It would be better if there was one person handling all of the calls. Council agreed to look into it and talk to other municipalities to see how they handle the issue.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Wolfe spoke about the motion on the agenda regarding advertising for an RFP for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. Attorney Wolfe said that since it is an advertisement for professional services, the Borough does not necessarily have to go with the lowest price.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky gave the following report for the month of July 2013:

Property Taxes: \$2,792.35

Ms. Yancosky reminded everyone that Per Capita and Borough Property Taxes were mailed and anyone who does not receive a statement should call the tax office. Also, if anyone is paying on the installment plan Ms. Yancosky said she has the coupon books in her office.

President's Report:

President Bauer said that there will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal matters.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise for RFP's for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement Project. RFP's must be at the borough office by noon on September 3, 2013 to be opened at the regular council meeting at 7:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer said that a meeting was held with Senator Ward, Senator Harhai, Representative Kula and representatives from Penn Dot about paving Main Street which is a state road and out of our jurisdiction. The Borough was told that there is no money to pave Main Street but Penn Dot will do something about the ripples. President Bauer said he hopes to see some action before the winter months. President Bauer said that Main Street needs to be completely reconstructed. The cost for Penn Dot to do this would be approximately 3.5 million dollars. Penn Dot Representatives said that the project is on the list to be looked at in the future. They also spoke about laying concrete at the main intersections on Main Street to eliminate the rippling problem.

President Bauer said that the Glass Festival Cruise Night car show will be at Frick Park on August 16, 2013. This year there will be a raffle for a picture of the number three in the clouds for everyone who is a Dale Earnhardt fan. The picture is autographed by Dale Earnhardt as well.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to go over the Profit and Lost Budget Vs. Actual Report and call the borough office with any questions about their line items.

Mr. Landy made the following points during his report:

- Mr. Landy met with WWT Supervisor Norm Stout regarding the Roofs at the WWT Plant. They are flat roofs and have been a problem for years. Mr. Landy said that it may be time to look at an alternative.

- A preconstruction meeting was held today regarding the last phase of the Storm Water Retrofit Project which is the rain garden on the sidewalk at the Shaffer Parking Lot. Construction should begin on Monday August 12, 2013
- The rain garden outside of Frick Park at the Municipal Building is now in the penalty phase. The project was supposed to be finished and there is a \$500 penalty for each day it is incomplete. The rain gardens at Frick Hospital was to have been completed a week ago and is also in the penalty phase.
- The chimney on the Municipal Building has been reinforced so that the Emergency Warning Siren can be mounted. A change order for \$300 was necessary to purchase additional brick for the chimney.
- Mr. Landy is still looking for someone to install the motor in the Town Clock.
- Work has begun at Penn Park on the header needed against the outer wall of Miller Electric. This is a part of the County's demolition project.
- The Mount Pleasant Soccer League would like the Borough to remove the ashes that are left after the trees were burned near the field. They would also like the handrail on the bridge repaired before this weekend because there is a tournament scheduled.

Waste Water Treatment Report: None

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that the Street Department is busy painting the streets and when they have finished they will begin work on the wall at Frick Park.

Council discussed removing the fence from the property on Bridgeport Street.

Councilman Tate said that the Assunta Club is requesting permission to close Assunta Way the last week of August and the first week of September so that they can do some construction on the club.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to allow the Assunta Club to close Assunta Way the last week of August and the first two weeks of September. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Veterans Park Report: None

Public Safety Report: None

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he will meet with his committee to discuss hiring a Zoning Officer for the Borough.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Borough did not qualify for the paint and paint supply grant she spoke about last month because they require an entire building in need of painting.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she spoke with Rob Govern from Medic 10 regarding a grant that may be available to them. As soon as the grant paperwork is available they will begin work on submitting it.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said that work on the retaining wall at Frick Park has been delayed because of the weather this summer. Also, a resident asked who is responsible for taking care of the weeds at the base of the wall and Councilman Wojnar said that the Borough is responsible, it is not part of the lawn maintenance done by Skowronek Lawn Service. Street Superintendent Mario Fontanazza said that work should begin on the wall this fall.

Council discussed the basketball court at Frick Park. Padding will be installed on the poles and the Street Department has ordered new basketball hoops. President Bauer said that we should contact the company who sealed the basketball court because there are some cracks that need sealed before winter. Councilman Wojnar said that hopefully the sand will be removed from Frick Park Playground before next summer to solve the problem with the bees.

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$1,700 from Standard Bank General Fund Budgetary Reserve Account, Early Warning Siren line item, into the PNC General Fund Account to cover the invoice from Mark Funk for work on the roof of the municipal building. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts reported that Borough Manager Landy's computer was having issues and was replaced with a new one purchased at Sam's Club. The computer was installed by Joseph Castellano at no charge.

Councilman Pritts said that he is still working on installing lights at the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign. West Penn Power will not allow us to mount the new electric meter on their pole so we will have to put up our own pole.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is working on a recycling grant that is due in September.

New Business:

President Bauer explained that the Mount Pleasant VFW has not been sold, but there is a prospective buyer. Selling the building that the VFW is located in now is necessary because membership is down and can't support the current building. Downsizing and moving to another location will keep the VFW in Mount Pleasant.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant Rotary announced that the last Movie In The Park of this summer will be on August 8, 2013 at 9:00pm at Frick Park. The movie to be shown is "Hotel Transylvania".
- Jacobs Creek Watershed Association is requesting a donation of \$250.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving a donation to Jacobs Creek Watershed Association. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve a donation in the amount of \$250 to the Jacobs Creek Watershed Association as matching funds for the Rivers of Steel grant. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

- Westmoreland County is holding a comprehensive visioning session on Thursday August 15, 2013 from 9am to 10am. Council is welcome to attend.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:01pm

Executive Session 8:08pm - 8:45pm

Motions from August 5, 2013 Meeting

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