

**Meeting October 20, 2014**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer 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. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Tate, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 6, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Rico Cholock, 308 N Church Street, Mount Pleasant PA spoke in favor of promoting Mount Pleasant Police Officer Dan Zilli to the position of Police Chief.

Ms. Heidi Gulisek, 516 Creekside, Mount Pleasant also spoke to Council in favor of promoting Mount Pleasant Police Officer Dan Zilli to the position of Police Chief.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to extend the public comment time for the subject of hiring a Police Chief. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Sherry Fleming, 19 S Depot Street, Mount Pleasant Borough spoke to council on the subject of hiring a new Police Chief and in favor of promoting Police Officer Dan Zilli to the position.

Ms. Loretta Shumar, 2375 School Street, Mount Pleasant PA and owner of Coppula’s Subs spoke in favor of promoting Police Officer Dan Zilli to the position of Police Chief.

Ms. Angie Smolka a non-borough resident who shops in the Borough spoke in favor of promoting Police Officer Dan Zilli to the position of Police Chief.

Councilwoman Bailey thanked the people who came as a group to support Officer Zilli for voicing their opinions professionally.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Lucia asked Council and borough residents to remember Mr. John Kozak and Mr. Bob Leeper who passed away this week. Mr. Kozak was a Police Officer for the Borough for over seven years and Mr. Leeper was a Crossing Guard.

Mayor Lucia said that the Friends of the Library have published a book titled “Mount Pleasant Borough”. This book is a pictorial history. Mayor Lucia thanked the organization for all of their hard work and remarked that it is excellent.

**Solicitor’s Report:** None

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2014:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Sep-14</b>			
		<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance 2014</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	54,432.00	287,086.04	290,288.04	51,230.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	798,143.16	192,325.95	58,004.83	932,464.28
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,405.97	1.90	0.00	43,407.87
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		3,407.87			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	470,427.77	37.92	19,448.89	451,016.80
**Police		33,127.60			
**Streets		90,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		161,098.41			
**Infrastructure		100,000.00			
**BOMP1 Gas Well		9,250.00			
**BOMP2 Gas Well		4,572.81			
**Frick Park Gas Well		24,408.36			
**Levins		970.06			
**Surveillance Cameras		160.00			
**Early Warning Siren Grant		1,300.00			
**Fire		15,000.00			
**K-9		11,129.56			

Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	25,323.81	8,500.00	23,120.11	10,703.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	64,785.78	37.93	4,618.80	60,204.91
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	797.14	0.00	6,747.79
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,803.34	0.08	0.00	1,803.42
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,813.67	49,111.84	50,264.30	661.21
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	6,093.79	400.00	308.98	6,184.81
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.80	0.03	0.00	613.83
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	3,042.21	0.00	0.00	3,042.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,568,080.83</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	103,511.89	49,993.48	8,576.89	144,928.48
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	148,030.78	1,012.25	0.00	149,043.03
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,882.77	0.26	0.00	5,883.03
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,177.09	0.40	62.46	3,115.03
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>302,969.57</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	355,324.27	30,433.75	111,189.36	274,568.66
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	103,131.54	1,512.68	0.00	104,644.22
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	73,347.84	6.03	0.00	73,353.87
**Contingency		13,353.87			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>452,566.75</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,323,617.15</b>

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski  
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

### President's Report:

President Bauer said that he will attend the Westmoreland County Borough Association meeting on October 23, 2014 and asked if anyone else from Council wishes to attend.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to support the Mount Pleasant Borough VFD by purchasing 15 Truck Tickets for a total of \$300 from line item #405.60. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

### Executive Session 7:23pm to 8:21pm

President Bauer said that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel.

President Bauer announced that there will be an executive session for Council next Thursday October 30, 2014 at 6pm in council chambers to discuss police matters.

### Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority has presented their 2015 Budget to Council.

Borough Manager Landy said that the CDBG Grant Application is complete. Mr. Landy said that he spoke to a representative from the County and the Borough may not receive the entire \$148,000 in 2015, it may be spread over two years.

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade will be held on December 3, 2014 at 6:00pm

Borough Manager Landy said that a preliminary 2015 budget should be available at the first meeting in November, changes can be made for review at the second meeting in November for passage at the December meeting.

Mr. Landy said that he attended a meeting about land banking and they are looking at three properties in the Borough.

Borough Manager Landy said that he is attending a seminar tomorrow October 21<sup>st</sup> on Property Maintenance.

Borough Manager Landy said that he received an agreement from the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority for the \$100,000 grant for media replacement of the collapsed bio-tower at the WWT Plant.

Mr. Landy said that they will be filming the 200<sup>th</sup> episode of Mount Pleasant Up Close this week.

President Bauer said that the Council Christmas Party this year will be on Tuesday December 2, 2014 at 6:00pm instead of after the council meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Bauer reported that after the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Armstrong will no longer video tape the council meetings.

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

Councilman Tate said that the roof has been replaced on the WWT Plant building and WWT personnel are working on the wall at Frick Park.

Councilman Tate said that there will be a meeting this week with representatives from Mount Pleasant Township and the Borough and Township Solicitors.

Borough Manager Landy spoke to Council regarding sewage customers who do not pay their final bill and it remains on the books. Councilman Tate said that he will speak to Solicitor Wolfe about collecting these past due final bills. The sewage bill stays with the property and does not follow the individual.

### **Veterans Park Report:**

Council discussed ways to make people more aware of the opportunity to include a Veteran's name, picture and biography on the Veterans Park Digital Wall.

### **Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to close Route 31 Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Cherry Avenue on Wednesday December 3, 2014 from 5pm to 8:30pm for the annual Christmas Parade and Route 981 Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street from 7pm to 9pm on December 3, 2014 for Christmas programs. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made to approve free meter parking on Main Street from November 27, 2014 to January 2, 2015 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Bailey said that East Coast Paving will begin the Braddock Road Avenue and Quarry Street paving project tomorrow October 21<sup>st</sup>, and because they did not meeting the start deadline specified in the contract, the Borough has the right to levy a fine. East Coast Paving has agreed to do additional small projects on Spence Way and Church Street in front of the Library in lieu of paying a fine.

Councilwoman Bailey asked residents to place their raked leaves at the curb and the Street Department will pick them up on Mondays.

### **Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt Ordinance #644 to authorize and direct issuance of a general obligation note in the principal amount of \$400,00 to be used for certain capital improvements at the Borough's Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Councilman Wagner thanked Councilwoman Bailey for putting together the CDBG Grant Application and it should be done by the end of this week.

Councilman Wagner said that, as mentioned earlier, the Mount Pleasant BDA has presented a 2015 Budget and is in the process of retrieving their bylaws.

### **Park & Recreation Report:**

Councilman Wojnar thanked WWT personnel for their help in retrieving the bricks that washed away at the Little League Field.

Councilman Wojnar said he inviting the Student Council from Ramsay Elementary School to attend a council meeting again this year. The students enjoyed and benefited from the experience last year.

Councilman Wojnar said that he and Bob Keeler have looked at locations to put a bike rack when the Coal & Coke Bike Trail is extended up Washington Street. They have tentatively decided on putting the bike rack at the Freedom of Speech area and there will be signs instructing riders to walk their bikes after entering the Gazebo and Veterans Park Area. Councilman Wojnar said that he is also looking for a location near the Freedom of Speech Area for a message board.

Councilman Wojnar said that he and Councilwoman Bailey attended a meeting of the Library Board and the Board has requested that Council approve distribution of the Borough's 2014 Library Contribution.

**Property Report:** None

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilman Caruso said that he has been in contact with Mr. John McGoran, Republic Waste Services regarding replacing the large recycling bins for the pilot program with smaller ones. Councilman Caruso said that he has sent Republic Services the addresses of the property owners who are requesting smaller bins.

Councilman Caruso said that Republic Waste Services is going to include educational literature with the bills they send out.

**Finance Report:**

Councilwoman Ruskowski said that she and Borough Manager Landy are beginning work on the 2015 budget and if councilperson has anything they would like to discuss concerning the budget they can call the borough office.

**New Business:**

Council discussed the sump pump discharge onto Spence Way from a property on Eagle Street. Several council members said that they have not observed water discharge recently.

Councilman Bauer said that the commemorative Christmas bulbs are selling fast and there are only approximately 40 left for sale. Profits from the sale of the ornaments will be used for holiday lighting.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the Mount Pleasant Public Library has purchased several new computers and a new server, funded by the Mount Pleasant Rotary, Friends of the Library and Standard Bank, and they have been synched to all of the library computers in Westmoreland County. All of the libraries now have the same technology that can be shared. It also means that you are able to swipe your library card and no longer have to go to the desk and ask for assistance from library personnel.

Council discussed the matter that was emailed to them regarding a dispute on Joseph Street. Council agreed that at this point it is a property dispute between the homeowners.

**Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The meeting of the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Westmoreland Conservation Donohoe Center Education Building beginning at 7:00pm.
- The DEP has invited elected officials to their regional office on Waterfront Drive in Pittsburgh on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> to provide an overview of regional projects.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:08pm**

## **Motions from October 20, 2014 Meeting**

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