

Meeting October 21, 2013

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by Vice President McCloy 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. Vice President McCloy directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Snyder, Tate, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, and Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. Vice President McCloy stated that we have a quorum. President Bauer arrived at 8:05pm.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 7, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Ms. Debbie Scott, representing the Mount Pleasant Church of God asked Council's approval for scheduled Christmas Caroling throughout the community on December 15, 2013 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Council agreed that it is a good thing and were all in favor. All ages are invited to participate.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that Trick or Treat will be on October 27th from 2pm to 4pm and the Halloween Parade will be at 7pm on October 30th. There will also be a pep rally at 6pm before the parade on the 30th to support our Viking Football Team who are going to the playoffs.

Mayor Lucia reported that the first Reality Tour will be at Rumbaugh Elementary School on October 31, 2013. The Reality Tour is targeted toward 5th and 6th grade students with their parents, but all ages are encouraged to attend. Students and their parents can pre-register or you can register the night of the tour. There will be another tour every month through April.

Mayor Lucia said that a power surge occurred to day and residents on Bunker Hill were affected. Any residents who sustained damage must call West Penn Power Claims Department.

Mayor Lucia said that residents on Eagle Street between Reservoir Street and Ramsay School are requesting permit parking. Mayor Lucia said that what normally happens is that the Public Safety Committee will monitor the street and make a decision about whether to allow permit parking or not.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

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		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	58,915.00	194,655.72	191,780.72
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	727,748.25	110,125.43	54,193.31
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,372.57	3.68	0.00
**Fire	30,000.00			
**Police	0.00			
**Streets	10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund	3,372.57			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	399,095.46	49.21	0.00
**Police	33,127.60			
**Streets	90,000.00			
**Contingency Fund	102,999.19			
**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		1,300.00		
**Fire		15,000.00		
**K-9		11,729.57		
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	5,000.00	21,980.87	2,500.00
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	77,062.93	0.86	4,664.26
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.44	0.08	0.00
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	592.60	54,643.20	54,371.66
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	616.49	120.00	265.00
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,264.80	0.13	0.00
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.50	0.02	0.00
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	78,083.42	45,745.31	46,444.68
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	135,859.60	1,016.87	0.00
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	2,571.29	0.32	0.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	1,740.16	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund Balance				
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	224,032.63	33,347.52	54,937.14
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	84,969.24	1,514.75	0.00
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,174.38	20.74	0.00
**Contingency		108,174.38		
**Infrastructure		60,000.00		
Total WWT Balance				
Total Borough funds				

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

President's Report:

Vice President McCloy read a letter from Mr. Edmund Davis which stated that he is resigning from the Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board effective December 31, 2013.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept Edmund Davis' resignation from the Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board effective December 31, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that Penn Dot has applied for a grant for the Borough to be used to replace the traffic signals from Morewood Street to the Diamond with all new equipment. The timeline for replacing the signals will be approximately 2016. Representatives from Penn Dot are confident the Borough will receive the funds.

Mr. Landy reported on an accident at the corner of Main and Church Streets. The traffic signal pole was damaged. The pole is owned by the Borough and Penn Dot does not allow a traffic signal to be attached to another facility so we can't attach it to PNC Bank. The pole must be 40 feet away from the pole mast that goes over the street. Penn Dot will permit the pole up against the PNC Bank building or two feet up the street along the curb. They suggested that the Borough paint a bright yellow curb around the intersection and cover the pole with reflective material and go around the bend with a white line on the street.

Borough Manager Landy said that we received some misinformation from our current health insurance broker and have decided to go with another broker. The savings that we thought we would see for the 2014 budget will not be as much as expected.

Mr. Landy said that the Street Department needed another computer and he gave them a used one from the borough office. But the fan needs to be replaced in that unit and we are hoping to get a computer donated to us from the school to be used instead.

Mr. Landy said that he is going to speak to the Councilman Pritts regarding raising the rates for the rental units on the second floor of the borough building.

Mr. Landy said that he negotiated a contract with Paychex which will keep our payroll processing cost to \$100 per pay. The contract does not oblige us to stay with Paychex for any certain amount of time.

Borough Manager Landy said that plans are in the works for another Gingerbread House Tour this Christmas season. Entries are due by November 13th.

Mr. Landy spoke to Council about the disappointing revenue from the gas wells. Revenue from all of the wells is drastically less than we anticipated and plans we had for the income will have to be canceled.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that estimates for repairing the storm water line on N. Geary Street are for varying amounts, but all are much higher than expected. Councilman Tate said that his suggestion is to put a section of pipe in to fix Kubaski's driveway. The Borough could use a private contractor to do the work. Council decided to wait for one more quote before proceeding. A decision will be made at the first meeting in November 2013.

Veterans Park Report: None

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Snyder read the following Fire Report for the month of September 2013:

Total Calls - 30
In Town - 7
Out of Town - 23
10-45's - 15
Fires - 5
Public Service Calls - 5
AFA's - 4
Turnpike Calls - 1
Total Members Answering - 409
Avg. Member Per Call - 13
Total Staff Hours - 179

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Vice President McCloy reported that the Zoning & Ordinance Committee met and decided not to approve the plan for McCalman Manor to add apartments. Ordinance 389 Section 27-210 clearly states that in Zone B1 multi-family dwellings must receive a special exception from Council. The property owner must apply for a variance with the Zoning Hearing Board. Vice President McCloy said that a letter will be sent to Ms. Jane Altman, the owner of the property, giving an explanation of the decision.

Vice President McCloy said another letter was received requesting that Council approve a double wide trailer at 344 Washington Street. The current structure would have to be torn down and the trailer would have to be on a foundation. That would comply with borough ordinance. Council agreed to send a letter stating that if all zoning requirements are met Council will approve the request.

Vice President McCloy said he received a letter from Karen Christie regarding the property at 12 Church Street thanking Council for their concern and explaining what repairs are scheduled. Until repairs are made, No Trespassing signs will be put up on the property.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that the apron at Central Fire Station will not qualify for CDBG Grant Funds because the station is not located in a low-income area of the Borough. Grant funds available equal \$40,000. The money can be used for the Third Ward Fire Station or Braddock Road Avenue, but plans must be submitted by October 31, 2013. Council agreed to research how much money it would cost to pave Braddock Road Avenue and if there is any money left the roof at Third Ward Fire Station can be another project.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar reported that he had a meeting with Steve Baker, Snyder Associates, at Frick Park to discuss replacing the sand at the playground.

Councilman Wojnar said he would like to send out letters this week to reestablish the Citizens Parks and Recreation Committee.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Council to look at their copies of the preliminary 2014 budget and discussed various line items including the addition of a line item for a Zoning Officer, one for land banking and more money for a part-time person in the borough office. Other line items were discussed. The preliminary budget shows a \$10,000 deficit. There are still some numbers that need to be verified and those numbers usually come in November.

Borough Manager Landy reported that as of this time the 2014 WWT Budget show a surplus. The 2014 Liquid Fuels Budget is just a matter of taking the money allocated to the Borough and distributing it to street lighting and paving projects.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Council to look at their copies of the Budget sent to us from the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that she would like to see more breakdown for some of the line items and an explanation of the \$30,000 cash carry over before it is approved.

Property Report: None

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the proposal from Allied Waste should be here by the end of the week.

President Report:

President Bauer said that the new digital sign inside the one at the old PNC drive-thru is not in the budget for 2014 because the cost is too high. President Bauer said he may recommend that the current sign be removed and placed somewhere else in the Borough.

Councilwoman Bailey said she attended the Library Board meeting and they would like to change their bylaws to state that one borough official and one township official be appointed to the board. The Board also said they would try to be more accommodating in regard to meeting times. They will try to have the meetings in the evening one month and in the morning the next month. The Library Board also asked if the Borough would consider giving them money. President Bauer said he is opposed to giving them money and that our solicitor informed us that we can appoint as many council members to the board as we like. Councilwoman Bailey said that there are two positions open on the board at this time.

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A notice from the Westmoreland County Borough's Association that their next meeting will be held October 30, 2013 at 7:00pm in Greensburg. The meeting will include installation of officers and Mr. Chris Cappa from the PSAB will speak.
- Mr. Richard Kujawa sent a letter requesting \$600 for repairing the Christmas Wreaths.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm

Motions from Meeting of October 21, 2013

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