

Meeting November 17, 2014

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. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruskowski were present. Mayor Lucia arrived at 8:10pm 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 November 3, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2014:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Oct-14			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2014
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,230.00	166,361.65	166,991.65	50,600.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	932,464.28	41,749.82	105,524.92	868,689.18
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,407.87	1.85	0.00	43,409.72
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		3,409.72			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	451,016.80	38.31	0.00	451,055.11
**Police		33,127.60			
**Streets		90,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		161,136.72			
**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	10,703.70	0.00	8,500.00	2,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	60,204.91	1.38	0.00	60,206.29
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	6,747.79	0.00	0.00	6,747.79
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,803.42	0.08	0.00	1,803.50
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	661.21	45,773.16	45,773.16	661.21
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	6,184.81	0.00	145.00	6,039.81
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.83	0.02	0.00	613.85
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	3,042.21	0.00	1,795.00	1,247.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,493,277.37
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	144,928.48	50,648.54	65,180.07	130,396.95
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	149,043.03	1,012.74	0.00	150,055.77
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,883.03	0.25	0.00	5,883.28
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,115.03	0.00	0.00	3,115.03
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					289,451.03
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	274,568.66	144,843.59	50,558.56	368,853.69
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	104,644.22	1,513.11	0.00	106,157.33
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	73,353.87	6.23	0.00	73,360.10
**Contingency		13,360.10			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					548,371.12

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Presidents Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to become members of the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority Lead Coalition. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager Landy explained that the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority Lead Coalition is for municipalities that have properties that have some contamination and are in need of development. There is no fee for becoming and member. The other member of the coalition is Jeannette PA and we will join with them to apply for grant funds.

President Bauer said that he will attend the upcoming BDA Board meeting to discuss the 2015 BDA Budget before putting it on the agenda to be approved by Council. President Bauer said he will also request a copy of the BDA By-Laws.

President Bauer announced that there will be Executive Sessions on Monday November 24th and Tuesday November 25th beginning at 6pm for personnel reasons.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- The Christmas Parade this year will be held on Wednesday December 3rd beginning at 6pm. There will be hot chocolate, Santa will be at the Gazebo after the parade and the Mount Pleasant Historical Society will be roasting marshmallows and hot dogs at the Log Cabin.
- Main Street Deli and Hayden's Pharmacy will be selling food on Main Street during the parade this year for parade spectators.
- The lighting of the Nativity Scene will be November 30, 2014 at 6pm. Santa will be there after the light up.
- The Candlelight Procession will be held on Wednesday December 10th beginning at 6pm. The choir from the Mount Pleasant Church of God will be at the Candlelight Procession.
- Mr. Landy attended a meeting with West Penn Power regarding a sustainable energy fund and a representative from West Penn will be at the borough office for a meeting on November 20th at 11am.
- The Bio-Tower bank account has been established and the funds collected for the Capital Improvement Fee on the sewage bills will be deposited into this bank account.
- A Christmas tree has been erected on the fountain at Veterans Park this year.
- Construction of the new First Niagara Bank on Main Street is on schedule. First Niagara is working to accommodate the business on Main Street affected by the construction.
- Howard's Gun Shop is a new business on Main Street.
- The grant for trees at the parks has been closed out and a report has been submitted.
- The Westmoreland Cleanways "Keep American Beautiful" grant has been closed.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the media has been removed from the bio-tower at the WWT Plant and the louvres and media should be installed in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Landy said that there may be properties in East Huntingdon Township that are tied into the Borough's sewage system but are not paying the Borough for sewage. WWT Superintendent Larry Hague is getting property addresses so that we can see if they are in our system.

Veterans Park Report: None

Streets Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough has not paid East Coast Paving for the Braddock Road Avenue and Quarry Street Project because there are still some issues that need to be resolved. A meeting has been scheduled to go over some of our questions.

Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she attended a meeting hosted by the Westmoreland County Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff said that if the Borough has warrants that need to be served regarding borough ordinances, it would serve us well if we sent an email to the Sheriff’s Department because they are experiencing a large backlog of unserved warrants.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she attended a seminar on “Managing a Professional Police Department” in Monroeville on November 12th. Councilwoman Stevenson said that after attending the seminar, she feels that our Police Department could benefit from more training.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the interviews for Mount Pleasant Borough Police Chief will be held Monday November 24th and Tuesday November 25th. There is one candidate who cannot make it on Monday or Tuesday and would like to be scheduled another day.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to sign an agreement with Hoffman Kennels for 2014 in the amount of \$135 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said that signs have been ordered for the Coal and Coke Bike Trail extension into town and posts have been ordered for one of the message centers at Willows Park that will direct people into town.

Councilman Wojnar said that on Monday November 24th at 3:45pm the Student Council of Ramsay Elementary School will be using Chambers to hold their meeting. Any Council Member is welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session: 7:37pm to 8:35pm

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

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the Glass & Ethnic Festival 2015 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the Medic 10 2015 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise the 2015 General Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise the 2015 Liquid Fuels Budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts reported that the roof at the Street Department is leaking and needs to be repaired. President Bauer said that Council has been considering building a storage shed and it could be attached to that building and the roof repaired at the same time.

Councilman Pritts said that a light burned out at the Welcome Wall and has been replaced.

Councilman Pritts said that the wall at the Third Ward Fire Station is cracking. The damage began when Center Avenue was milled approximately three years ago. The vibration from the milling machine may cause damage and it is something that we need to look at in the future.

Councilman Pritts said that Council might have to consider putting a more efficient furnace into the Synagogue because the cost to heat the building is too high.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

Mayor Lucia asked the borough office to make sure that there is a phone number for each council person on the web-site.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Pam Soforic, Westmoreland Multi-Service Centers Inc., sent a letter thanking us for making their Pasta Dinner a success. They were able to raise \$2,000 for the children to shop with during the holidays.
- The Open House for the DAR 25th Anniversary Festival of Lights will be held on Friday November 28, 2014 from 7pm to 9pm.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm

Motions from November 17, 2014 Meeting

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