

Meeting March 23, 2015

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Lord's Prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance were said and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruskowski and Stevenson and 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 March 2, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Christofano presented Council with a copy of the BDA by-laws which include a mission statement and a contact list. Mr. Christofano asked Council to review the by-laws and he will come back in a few weeks to discuss their findings. President Bauer said that the board members term expiration dates are not correct and he will have the correct dates at the next meeting.

President Bauer said that he spoke with Mr. Christofano about the upcoming Main Street project with Penn Dot as well as the signage compliance issues. Street signs in the Borough will be non-compliant in 2017 and need to be changed. President Bauer said that he asked Mr. Christofano if the BDA would be willing to purchase decorative street signs for Main Street. President Bauer said that he would like to look into decorative poles as well. President Bauer said that he also spoke to Mr. Christofano about permanent decorative planters on Main Street. Mr. Christofano said he will bring the ideas to his board and they will discuss any decisions with Council.

Mr. Christofano talked about the Farmers Market in Mount Pleasant and feels it should go back to being a true farmers market and not a flea market and he working to get a list of farmers in the area that he can contact. Mr. Christofano said he is also looking for a better location for the Farmers Market. A possibility would be the old PNC Drive thru on Main Street.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that two very prominent Mount Pleasant business people have passed away. Sally Levin and Bob George were both hardworking individuals and Mayor Lucia said that they should be remembered in some way.

Mayor Lucia said now that spring is here he would like to see residents clean up the streets in front of their homes for visitors who pass through the Borough.

Mayor Lucia reported that in November 2014 the Mount Pleasant VFD purchased a used Engine Rescue Truck for \$350,000. The cost of the truck new would be \$650,000.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant VFD received a \$15,000 regional grant to cover the cost of pagers used by the volunteer firemen.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant VFD is looking for new youth members between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age and fire fighters 18 years and older. Anyone wishing to join the department can call Mayor Lucia at 724-640-4987.

Mayor Lucia introduced the new Mount Pleasant Borough Chief of Police, Doug Sam. Police Chief Sam said that the reorganization of the Police Department is going well and he is working with Councilman Pritts on some building improvements. Chief Sam said that he will have another quote on a mobile radio for the police department Explorer vehicle and he will have another quote for the radio by the end of the week saving us approximately \$2,000.

Police Chief Sam talked about changes to the police uniforms. In the future when you see a policeman you will be able to identify him as a Mount Pleasant Police Officer. The uniform will eventually be a class A all blue uniform and when the current vests wear out the new vests will be worn under the uniform, not over it. These changes cost money so they will be done over time. President Bauer said that he is looking at uniforms for the Crossing Guards also.

Mayor Lucia swore in Doug Sam as the new Chief of Police for Mount Pleasant Borough.

Chief Sam said that he is working on identifying parking meters that need replaced or repairs.

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of February 2015 prepared by Police Chief Doug Sam:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of February 2015

The Department Answered the following calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	45
Calls for Service	5
Assist Other Departments	6
Accidents investigated	6
Assist Medic 10	3

The Department made 18 arrests during the month as follows

Vehicle Code	14
Crimes Code	10

Return from District Court	\$	1,719.95
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$	260.17
Fees for police reports	\$	45.00
Parking Tickets Paid	\$	46.00
Payment for department property sold (handgun)	\$	100.00
Total Receipts	\$	2,171.12
Meter Collection	\$	-
Total Collected	\$	2,171.12

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2015:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report

Feb-15

		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2015
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,896.00	146,499.47	147,345.47	50,050.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	728,062.18	67,067.23	43,438.26	751,691.15
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	1.07	12.00	13.07	0.00
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	481,172.63	36.91	0.00	481,209.54
**Police		33,127.60			
**Streets		100,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		164,702.53			
**Infrastructure		86,588.62			
**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		45,000.00			
**K-9		11,129.56			

Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	2,203.70	0.00	0.00	2,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	54,709.36	0.64	5,966.35	48,743.65
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	6,747.79	0.00	0.00	6,747.79
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,803.72	0.07	0.00	1,803.79
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415 Somerset Trust Co	661.21	50,581.55	50,581.55	661.21
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	5,659.90	300.00	1,860.00	4,099.90
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.93	0.02	0.00	613.95
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,196.21	51.00	17.00	1,230.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,349,054.89
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	172,913.32	63,336.19	139,385.89	96,863.62
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	153,094.10	1,011.82	0.00	154,105.92
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,884.01	0.23	0.00	5,884.24
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,115.42	0.00	0.00	3,115.42
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					259,969.20
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	391,729.10	74,992.42	42,676.68	424,044.84
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	110,697.26	1,512.71	0.00	112,209.97
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	20,842.18	1.59	0.00	20,843.77
**Contingency		13,373.95			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	35,290.06	1,091.38	0.00	36,381.44
Total WWT Balance					593,480.02
Total Borough funds					2,202,504.11

Councilwoman Susan
Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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

President's Report:

President Bauer said that there have been complaints about dogs. President Bauer reminded pet owners that they need to keep their animals off of other properties and that there is an ordinance regarding cleaning up after them.

President Bauer said that he would like to see the wall at Frick Park completed before softball season starts and the softball league said that they will tear down the fence at the volleyball court so we can lay some gravel on that lot.

President Bauer told Councilman Wagner that he would like to start working to repair the Christmas decorations that are being stored in the Synagogue. They can be put on Diamond and Church Streets this year. Councilman Wojnar said that the Boy Scouts may be able to help with that project.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Donations to Veterans Park Beautification fund have reached \$2,800.
- Bids for Penn Park were opened and they all came in double the amount of grant funds available. All of the bids have been rejected.
- There were a couple of accidents reported at the March Safety Meeting. The accidents occurred during the recent snow storm. The plowing caused minor damage to two properties.
- Mr. Landy attended the annual Penn Dot Outreach Meeting. 2015 projects were discussed and the Mount Pleasant Borough Main Street was one of the projects. MAWC will meet with Penn Dot regarding the new water lines on Main Street prior to the project.
- Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy went to Harrisburg Federal Surplus to see what was available and will make another trip in the fall.
- Mr. Landy has been spending orientation time with Police Chief Sam.
- Mr. Landy spoke at Indiana University on borough storm water programs.
- Borough Manager Landy, Councilman Tate and President Bauer met with Mike Barrick to talk about the storm water project on Main Street. The Maruco Trailer Park Project is moving forward to solve the flooding issues on N. Geary Street.

- Borough Manager Landy said that transfers to Budgetary Reserve will not be as much this year as in recent years, but some money is available for transfer to replenish the monies taken out in 2014.
- The Concert In The Park schedule is complete and the first concert will be on June 14, 2015. The schedule is a little different this year so that the concerts do not interfere with local church events. The schedule is available on the borough web-site. Sponsors of \$375 are still needed for two of the bands.
- The 2015 G13 Conference will be held May 7, 8 & 9. The schedule will be available to council members who wish to attend. Mount Pleasant Borough will host the Smart Growth and Rental Property discussions.
- Industry Weapon, the company who sold us the software for Veterans Park Digital Wall will be doing and update in April. They will be working on putting the Digital Wall to sleep from midnight to 7am.

Mr. Landy introduced a broker for natural gas. The Borough will sign a two-year contract that will lock in a fixed price for natural gas that is lower than we are currently paying.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to suspend the rules to sign a 24-month contract with IGS. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

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Waste Water Treatment Report:

Council discussed the ongoing waste water issue at Harmon House and ways to solve the problem of grease and disposable wipes. Mr. Landy said that there is a new manager at Harmon House and he is working on the problem. Waste Water Treatment will monitor the situation and will meet with representatives from Harmon House.

Veterans Park Report: None

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that Scottdale Borough is requesting to use the Street Department bucket truck to take down their Christmas decorations. Councilwoman Bailey said that she agreed to let them use it as long as it was convenient for our Street Department. Councilwoman Bailey said that they also discussed Mount Pleasant using Scottdale's vacuum for the porous concrete and it was agreed that we can use it as soon as the weather is dry.

Councilwoman Bailey asked the media to tell borough residents that the Street Department has soil that can be used for fill available as well as wood chips. If someone is interested in using the soil and wood chips, the Street Department would load it into whatever truck you bring. Please contact Mario at 724-547-1930.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she spoke with New Enterprise regarding a milling machine with a certified operator that is small enough to go on the front of a skid loader to be used to repair pot holes in the borough. The cost of the machine would be \$200 per hour. When we decide what needs done he can tell us approximately what it would cost. Donegal Construction has a milling machine and the cost to use it is \$5,000 per day and a \$600 delivery charge. President Bauer said that he would like to check with Bob Cat to see how much it would cost to rent a machine without the operator.

Borough Manager Landy said that Liquid Fuels funds will be deposited into the bank account in March in the amount of \$105,938.46.

Public Safety & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer from Huffman Auto for the Police Department at a total cost of \$9,944.00 with transfer fees of approximately \$144. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that at the recent meeting of the Medic 10 Board of Directors discussed having Speclin rebuild one of the ambulances at a cost of \$54,000. Medic 10 did not have to bid the project because Speclin is a member of Costar. Borough Manager Landy said that Medic 10 will finance half of the cost through a local bank and the other half will be taken out of savings.

Councilwoman Stevenson announced that the Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale will be held on June 13, 2015. The Yard Sale will be held on the second Saturday of June every year.

Councilwoman Stevenson talked about a business in town that is putting a lot of signs on properties in town, and some on borough property. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she will look into it.

Borough Manager Landy said that he could not find an example of a vacant lot ordinance so conditions are going to be added to the Borough's demolition permit outlining how the property must be reclaimed after demolition.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Wagner said he needs to specs for a Street Department truck before he can apply for grant funds. President Bauer said that Councilman Wagner could talk to Scottdale Borough to get the specs for the truck they recently purchased.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said that the annual cleanup day in the borough will be held on April 18, 2015 with a rain date of May 2, 2015. The Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts have committed their help. Councilman Wojnar said he will speak to local businesses to see if they would be willing to offer their assistance.

Councilman Wojnar said that he and Borough Manager Landy met with representatives from the DCNR regarding grants for the parks. The DCNR will assist the Borough in bringing our parks up to code as part of the grant funding. The DCNR representative suggested that we come up with a design and then meet with an engineer to determine what we need to bring the parks up to code. Councilman Wojnar said that he feels we should concentrate on Frick Park because it is more of a destination park. The DCNR grant is due in April and there is also a DCED grant that is due in June. Councilwoman Bailey said that there are also funds available for Frick Park from the CDBG grant.

Councilman Wojnar said that the bike rack at Veterans Park to accommodate the extension of the Bike Trail will be located at the Freedom of Speech Area. A map of the Borough would be located close by.

Councilman Wojnar said that the baseball, soccer and softball leagues have submitted schedules and proof of insurance.

Finance & Human Resource Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to suspend the rules to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for Andy Zelinski, WWT. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

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Councilman Wojnar said that he has received complaints from the Mount Pleasant Little League about pet waste on the Little League property at Willows Park. Councilman Wojnar reminded residents that there is a fine for not cleaning up after your pet. The Little League also said that damage was done to the asphalt apron in front of their concession stand. Councilman Wagner said that the parking lot was also damaged.

Property Report: None

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

President Bauer discussed flashing lights at intersection crossings and said that may be something to look at during the Penn Dot Main Street Project.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Mount Pleasant Public Library Board has requested that they be given free gas from the gas well like the Municipal Building and the Central Fire Station. President Bauer said that the Municipal Building and the Central Fire Station do not get free gas for the entire year. We have a certain allotment and once that is used we have to pay for gas.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Westmoreland County Boroughs Association annual banquet will be held on Friday May 1, 2015 at Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. The Borough will pay for borough officials and they can pay to bring a guest.
- The Borough received grant paperwork from Keep American Beautiful.
- The Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour will hold a Drug Forum “Prescription Drug Abuse in Your Community” on Thursday April 30, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Mount Pleasant Area Senior High School. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Cyril Wecht. Attendance is free.
- A Clean Water Banquet and Silent Auction on Saturday April 11, 2015 at Brady’s Restaurant, Donegal PA. Auction doors open at 5pm, Dinner is served at 6:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person.
- Westmoreland/Frick Hospital Foundation is holding a Black Tie Bingo on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Westmoreland Country Club in Export PA. The cost is \$125 per person.
- A letter from a homeowner in Mount Pleasant for 10 years at 19 Frick Avenue requesting that Frick Avenue be paved as well as the alley behind his home because residents use the alley to access their garages.

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 7-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Motions from March 23, 2015 Meeting

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