

Meeting March 24, 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. Councilman Caruso, Pritts, Tate, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruskowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was absent and Solicitor Robb was present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 3, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment:

Debbie Salopek, Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to the Chamber's monthly networking breakfast at 7:45am on the fifth floor of the Harmon House. Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month.

Charles Kubasky, Mount Pleasant Little League, requested that Council suspend any curfews that are in place on May 17, 2014 for scheduled baseball games.

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 February 2014:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Feb-14			Balance
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	2014
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	54,851.00	142,785.34	146,310.34	51,326.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	698,240.56	41,276.50	61,454.51	678,062.55
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,390.87	3.33	0.00	43,394.20
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,394.20				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	393,167.17	30.16	0.00	393,197.33
**Police	33,127.60				
**Streets	90,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	103,278.94				
**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	22,284.57	0.00	0.00	22,284.57
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	57,028.73	0.45	3,648.20	53,380.98
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.82	0.07	0.00	1,802.89
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	339.54	56,439.05	56,279.31	499.28
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	691.49	0.00	0.00	691.49
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	5,548.35	0.04	0.00	5,548.39
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.62	0.03	0.00	613.65
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	3,042.21	0.00	0.00	3,042.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,259,794.19
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	80,911.80	56,337.03	14,637.76	122,611.07
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	140,946.55	1,010.89	0.00	141,957.44
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,881.08	0.22	0.00	5,881.30
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	2,571.61	0.00	0.00	2,571.61
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					273,021.42
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	259,260.83	40,449.72	38,190.70	261,519.85

WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	91,041.31	3,015.44	0.00	94,056.75
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,279.70	12.91	0.00	168,292.61
**Contingency		108,279.80			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			

Total WWT Balance **523,869.21**

Total Borough funds **2,056,684.82**

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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President's Report:

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President Bauer said he received a letter from Armstrong Cable stating that there will be a cost increase. The only customers who will not see an increase are the ones who have phone, TV and internet service.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the relationship Mount Pleasant has developed with Westmoreland County greatly benefits the Borough by making grant monies available. The most recent grant information received from the County Planning Commission is for Act 89 which is a transportation grant. Money from Act 89 could be used at the Bridgeport Street property or a Street Scape Project. Mr. Landy said that he spoke with two engineering firms to propose plans for the grant.

Mr. Landy said that Jacobs Creek Watershed is surveying Main Street and Mount Pleasant may get grant funds to solve the problem of water rushing down Main Street during rain events.

Mr. Landy said he spoke to Mr. Rick Meason about a memorial for the Mount Pleasant Police Chief Pore who was killed in the line of duty. Councilwoman Stevenson volunteered to be on the Memorial Committee and could use more volunteers.

Borough Manager Landy said that Mount Pleasant Borough has not picked a session of the G-11 to host. Councilman Wojnar Chairman, Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman volunteered to host a session.

Mr. Landy said that the Borough is still working on the property maintenance issues with the Arevalo building on Main Street. The owners were cited and instructed to demolish the building, they appealed the citation and the Borough won the appeal. Now the owners are saying they do not have the funds to demolish the building. Mr. Landy said it may or may not be a project for Land Banking.

Mr. Landy reported that the Borough held its monthly Employee Safety Meeting.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that his committee is talking to engineers regarding future upgrades to the WWT Plant.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said a committee meeting will be held as soon as all of the members can be notified. One of the things they will discuss will be banners that can be purchased by Veterans and their families.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the project on N. Geary Street is complete. The Borough will use funds left from the project to help Mr. Kubasky repave his driveway and he will pay the rest. President Bauer said that there are still a couple of things to be resolved.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department is working on upgrading signage in the Borough. The traffic light count is also complete so that Councilman Wagner can apply for grant funds to install LED signals. Councilman Wagner said that he will meet the application deadline for the grant.

Council discussed possible 2014 paving projects and also how to solve the sewage overflow problem on Quarry Street.

Public Safety & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said someone complained that the gas stations in the Borough are not offering full-service. Councilwoman Stevenson said that the ordinance states they must provide full-service at least two days per week and must post a sign saying which two days of the week and she will bring a copy of the ordinance to the newest gas station in town so that they are aware.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she contacted PSAB regarding a parking lot ordinance. President Bauer said that he feels the purpose of a parking lot ordinance is to regulate what sort of surfaces are allowed.

Council discussed possible revisions to the Borough's Sign Ordinance to allow some digital signs.

President Bauer reported that Westmoreland County Elections Bureau has asked us to look at re-apportioning 1st and 2nd Wards in the Borough. President Bauer said that he feels if Council can make the changes and vote on those changes at the next council meeting the map could be changed before the next election.

Council discussed the property on Church Street recently purchased by Mr. John Soforic and the trees he has planted on the property. Council discussed the trees interfering with the stop sign on the corner or lifting the sidewalk. Borough Manager Landy said that Mr. Soforic stated that he will keep the tree pruned and he bought trees that will not damage the sidewalk. Councilman Tate said that if the tree does create a problem the Borough can remove it.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she looked at the "No Left Turn" sign at the old PNC drive-thru when you are going west on Main Street to see if it should be larger so that drivers do not try to turn left. Councilwoman Stevenson said she spoke to Police Chief Ober and he said that there have been problems in the past with signage on Main Street because it is a state road.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Wagner thanked Councilwoman Bailey and the Street Department for taking an inventory of the traffic signals in town that do not have LED's. The traffic lights that overhang the street are already LED and there are 14 green, 14 red and 18 yellow lights that need to be replaced with LED's. Councilman Wagner said that grant funds would cover retrofit LED's for our existing signals.

Councilman Wagner said he attended the BDA Board meeting in February and he found all of the things going on very interesting.

Councilman Wagner reported that he will be meeting with a representative from PNC Bank on April 4th to see if there are any grant opportunities that PNC may have for the Borough.

Councilman Wagner said that he attended a Bike Trail meeting in Connellsville on March 12th where they reviewed their 3-phase comprehensive plan. The Bike Trail Committee said there is some grant money available to initiate phase 1. During the meeting moving on-street parking to off-street parking and designating a lane for bikes was discussed.

Councilman Wagner said he would like to review the Borough's most recent Comprehensive Plan to see if there are any ideas for grants. Borough Manager Landy said that there was a comprehensive plan done many years ago and if you

look at that plan most of it has been completed. The most recent idea for a plan was a Corridor Plan which would be more affordable. This plan would be for specific sections of town. Councilman Wagner said that he is developing contacts that can help him find available grants.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said he has contacted the sports leagues and requested certificates of insurance along with their game schedules.

Councilman Wojnar said that the Girls Softball Team has asked if there are funds available for more lighting at the Frick Park Ball Field. Councilman Wojnar said it may be sufficient to just re-aim the lights that are there now. There is also a light pole at the park that is bent and the Borough should look at it.

Councilman Wojnar said that Mr. Randy Christman has complained that there are still people smoking during the games. Council adopted "Young Lungs At Play" at Frick Park which designates a no-smoking zone at Jack Bobb's Park. Mr. Christman asked if it could be done at Frick Park. President Bauer said that it is very hard to enforce that designation.

Councilman Wojnar said that the fencing still needs to be moved from Frick Park to Jack Bobb's Park and there are some cement pads on the walking track at Frick Park that need to be replaced.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve L.E.R.T.A. application for Hayden's Pharmacy located at 535-537 W. Main Street, Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$77,003.27 from PNC General Fund to Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve for the following line items:

- Police - \$5,000
- Streets - \$10,000
- Contingency Fund - \$50,000
- Bomp 1 & Bomp 2 Gas Wells - \$2,429.43
- Frick Park Gas Well - \$4,573.84
- Fire - \$5,000

Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$10,000 from Standard Bank WWT Fund to Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve for the following line item:

- Contingency - \$10,000

Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts discussed possibly putting a new server in the borough building to handle the feed from the camera at Frick Park and any new cameras. Council discussed adding more cameras to the Police Department and installing three cameras at the WWT Plant.

Council discussed plans for changes at the borough building. Moving Tax Collector Carol Yancosky's office into the Borough Manager's office and installing security doors. President Bauer said that the BDA may be moving into the suite on the second floor formerly occupied by the Clothes Closet.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilman Caruso said that he received communication from Westmoreland Cleanways regarding the "Keep American Beautiful Adoption Program" and whether the Borough wants to continue the adoption. Council agreed to continue the program. President Bauer said that a Boy Scout Troop in the Borough has volunteered to pick up trash in the Borough.

Councilman Wojnar left the meeting at 8:53pm.

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she has been asked by residents when we are going to hold the Community Yard Sale this year. President Bauer said he would like Council to think about a date and discuss it at the next meeting.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Jan Daniels sent an email requesting that the alley between the VFW and Sub Way be named Daniels Alley and is will to contribute \$75 toward any signage. The alley is already names Chestnut Way.
- The monthly meeting of the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be held at the Westmoreland County Transit Office, 141 Bell Way, Greensburg PA on March 17th at 7:00pm.
- The annual Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Banquet will be held at Lakeview on May 2nd.
- Mount Pleasant Rotary Club Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on April 27th at the Kosciuszko Club in Mount Pleasant. The Citizen of the Year will be Bill Lozier.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:04pm

Motions from March 24, 2014 Meeting

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