

## Meeting May 18, 2015

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by Vice President Stevenson at 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Vice President Stevenson asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. Councilman Pritts led Council in a moment of prayer. Vice President Stevenson directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Wagner and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. Vice President Stevenson stated we have a quorum. Mayor Lucia left the meeting at 8:56pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia reported that the Borough of Mount Pleasant is one of three counties in Pennsylvania that have received a grant. Mayor Lucia announced a Drug Awareness program titled "Parents Who Host Lose The Most". The program wants to make parents aware of the consequences of supplying alcohol to minors, especially during the months of May, June and July when high school graduation parties are held.

Mayor Lucia read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems, and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and well-being, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to give or allow your teen's friends to drink alcohol in your home, even with their parents' permission, and

WHEREAS, anyone found guilty of purchasing or providing alcohol to any youth is subject to both state and local sanctions in addition to any civil action that may occur as a result of damages or injury related to the offense, and

WHEREAS, adults have the authority and responsibility to our youth to provide them with alternative opportunities by creating alcohol free activities, and

WHEREAS, Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission, through the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" campaign, will provide the educational materials to raise community awareness regarding this illegal and unhealthy practice, and

WHEREAS, the town of Mount Pleasant strongly encourages residents to refuse to purchase, provide or pour alcoholic beverages to underage youth and to take the necessary steps to hold those who engage in this illegal and unhealthy practice responsible.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the town of Mount Pleasant not only discourages the use of alcohol by those below the legal age of consumption but also exhorts all residents of Mount Pleasant to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to those underage youth, and pledges to support the Police Department's efforts to identify this illegal and unhealthy activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Lucia, Mayor of Mount Pleasant, do hereby proclaim the months of May, June and July, 2015 to be: "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to underage drinking" months.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society has requested that the portion of Eagle that runs between Main Street and Coppula Way be named after Mount Pleasant Police Chief Poole who was killed in the line of duty. There are not residential 911 addresses on that portion of Eagle Street so no addresses would

have to be changed. Council agreed to consult with Mr. Rick Meason, Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society regarding the new name. Vice President Stevenson asked for any objections to the proposal and there were none, therefore the name change will go forward with input from Mr. Meason.

Mayor Lucia reported that the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department has made six drug arrests in the last month with several investigations in process.

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to approve Resolution 2015-03 to adopt Mount Pleasant Borough's 2015 Emergency Operations Plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Lucia thanked Mr. Bob Ceroni for all of his work in bringing the Emergency Operations Plan up to date every year.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurers Report for the month of April 2015:

| Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report                      |                                       | Apr-15              |            |               | Balance<br>2015     |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|
|  |                                       | Previous<br>Balance | Deposits   | Disbursements |                     |
| General Fund Checking  | PNC 00-0122-3513                      | 109,551.00          | 468,323.33 | 347,548.33    | 230,326.00          |
| General Fund Sweep   | PNC 10-1149-3394                      | 757,582.23          | 152,775.05 | 159,192.37    | 751,164.91          |
| General Fund Budgetary Reserve                               | Standard Bank 321615                  | 481,250.41          | 80,905.99  | 9,944.00      | 552,212.40          |
| **Police   |                                       | 40,627.60           |            |               |                     |
| **Streets  |                                       | 110.00              |            |               |                     |
| **Contingency Fund   |                                       | 204,787.62          |            |               |                     |
| **Infrastructure   |                                       | 96,588.62           |            |               |                     |
| **BOMP1 Gas Well   |                                       | 11,498.30           |            |               |                     |
| **BOMP2 Gas Well   |                                       | 4,668.35            |            |               |                     |
| **Frick Park Gas Well  |                                       | 28,783.09           |            |               |                     |
| **Levins   |                                       | 970.06              |            |               |                     |
| **Surveillance Cameras                                       |                                       | 160.00              |            |               |                     |
| **Early Warning Siren Grant                                  |                                       | 1,300.00            |            |               |                     |
| **Fire   |                                       | 50,000.00           |            |               |                     |
| **K-9  |                                       | 12,772.76           |            |               |                     |
| Escrow Account   | PNC Bank 10-2912-6867                 | 2,203.70            | 0.00       | 0.00          | 2,203.70            |
| Liquid Fuels PLGIT   | PLGIT 56980126                        | 147,388.43          | 361.49     | 0.00          | 147,749.92          |
| Monument CD  | Standard Bank 328188                  | 6,747.79            | 0.00       | 0.00          | 6,747.79            |
| Holiday Lighting Fund  | Standard Bank 050004849               | 1,803.87            | 0.07       | 0.00          | 1,803.94            |
| Payroll Fund   | PNC 00-0122-6415<br>Somerset Trust Co | 661.21              | 57,535.70  | 57,535.70     | 661.21              |
| Veterans Park Fund   | 2003058309                            | 6,781.94            | 100.00     | 0.00          | 6,881.94            |
| Town Clock Fund  | Standard Bank 0010038847              | 613.98              | 0.03       | 0.00          | 614.01              |
| Storm Water Retrofit Phase II                                | PNC Bank 10-3888-4556                 | 1,247.21            | 0.00       | 0.00          | 1,247.21            |
| <b>Total General Fund Balance</b>                            |                                       |                     |            |               | <b>1,701,613.03</b> |
| Medic 10 Checking  | Standard Bank 0010107643              | 158,438.06          | 78,774.49  | 93,479.11     | 143,733.44          |
| Medic 10 Savings   | Standard Bank 0310000238              | 155,119.09          | 1,012.83   | 0.00          | 156,131.92          |
| Medic 10 Money Market  | PNC Bank 10-1516-8804                 | 5,884.50            | 0.24       | 0.00          | 5,884.74            |
| Medic 10 Community Trust                                     | Standard Bank 0000358253              | 4,000.83            | 0.00       | 0.00          | 4,000.83            |
| <b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>                           |                                       |                     |            |               | <b>309,750.93</b>   |
| WWT Operational Acct   | Standard Bank 0320012280              | 406,651.77          | 65,870.74  | 86,772.86     | 385,749.65          |
| WWT Savings  | Standard Bank 0050021008              | 113,723.74          | 1,513.59   | 0.00          | 115,237.33          |
| WWT Budgetary Reserve  | Standard Bank 0000287245              | 20,845.54           | 20,003.03  | 0.00          | 40,848.57           |
| **Contingency  |                                       | 23,375.72           |            |               |                     |
| **Infrastructure   |                                       | 7,469.82            |            |               |                     |
| WWT Bio-Tower  | Standard Bank 10127923                | 32,057.33           | 17,861.74  | 0.00          | 49,919.07           |
| <b>Total WWT Balance</b>                                     |                                       |                     |            |               | <b>591,754.62</b>   |
| <b>Total Borough funds</b>                                   |                                       |                     |            |               | <b>2,603,118.58</b> |
| Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski<br>Secretary Beverly Fedorchak |                                       |                     |            |               |                     |

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia have been looking at properties that have high grass issues and many of them are now owned by a bank. Occasionally it is possible to contact a representative from the bank and they will send someone to cut the grass. Many times the bank is difficult to reach or ignores our requests. Mr. Landy said that in the past few years young people from the Mount Pleasant Church of God have volunteered to cut the grass at these properties but there are not enough volunteers this year. That leaves the Borough with the problem of how to get the grass cut. If the Borough Street Department cuts the grass at these properties the Borough can lien the property, but if a judicial sale is held the liens are exonerated. Councilman Wagner suggested asking the Boy Scouts if they would be willing to cut the grass at these properties in return for a donation from the Borough to their organization. Borough Manager Landy said that the age of the Boy Scouts would be an issue to discuss because some of the grass is very high already. A discussion ensued regarding the liability issues of using young people to cut the grass. In the past the young people were supervised by other organizations and those organizations accepted liability. Mayor Lucia asked if there is money in the budget this year for summer help at the Street Department. Councilman Wagner suggested contacting the various sports organizations who could have their players cut the grass for a donation to their organization and it could be look at as a fund-raiser.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough is in the process of getting a new piece of equipment for Frick Park through a CDBG Grant. The sand at the park is not ADA approved and it attracts ground bees. Treating the Sand for the bees is not a long term solution and a resolution needs to be found for the future of our playgrounds. Council agreed to move forward with having the Street Department remove the sand had having Borough Manager Landy call a contractor to purchase ADA approved mulch to replace the sand. Mr. Landy said that he will get the requirements for the mulch.

Borough Manager Landy said that President Bauer voiced concerns about pot holes on state roads in the Borough. Mr. Landy said that he contacted Penn Dot and scheduled a meeting on Wednesday May 20, 2015 at 9am to discuss pot holes on Route 819, Route 981 and Route 31 and whether the Borough could be compensated if we patch the holes or if Penn Dot will do the work.

Borough Manager Landy said that bids for replacing the bathrooms at Willow Park with grant funds all came in too high and he spoke to county representatives and they agreed to allow the Borough to be the general contractor and get quotes for the work. Mr. Landy said that he has been getting quotes and it seems that we will be able to build the bathrooms within budget.

Borough Manager Landy said that specs for Penn Park have been redone and some of the ancillary items at the park have been removed and the county will purchase these items through their contracts. So the specs will only include the basic park which will include grass, concrete, a wall, electric and a parking lot. The request for Penn Park bids will be advertised June 15, 2015.

Mr. Landy said that he is trying to find a solution to depositing meter collections. PNC Bank has to send the coins out to be counted and we have to wait quite a while for a deposit total. Scottdale Bank on Main Street will count the coins and give us a total within two days. Mr. Landy said he will speak to Councilwoman Ruszkowski about moving the money for meters and parking tickets to Scottdale Bank where they will count the coins and not charge the Borough a fee.

Mr. Landy said that the Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival gave its annual donation of \$1,000 to the Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society.

Borough Manager Landy gave Council copies of an email regarding Electric Generation Contract Renewal and Council should be able to vote on the contract at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Ed Christophano arrived at the council meeting and Vic-President Stevenson allowed him to speak. Mr. Christophano said that Hayden's Pharmacy and the Main Street Deli Café would like to hold a car show on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. Mr. Christophano asked Council if they would again allow him to close the alley next to his building so that food vendors could set up there. Mr. Christophano said that this year they

are going to have a hoola hoop contest and he would like council members and borough representative participate in the contest. Mr. Christophano said that he will take responsibility for bagging the meters.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to allow Hayden's Pharmacy and the Main Street Deli Café to hold a car show on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm, to cover 4 parking meters in front of Hayden's Pharmacy for the event and to block St. Clair Alley for vendors to set up during the event. There will also be free parking from after 3pm on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Christophano gave Council an update on the Mount Pleasant BDA. The BDA just completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar entitled "Women In Business" and it was very well attended. The third seminar will be "Building a Web-Site and Social Media".

Mr. Christophano asked Council for the status of the BDA Board of Directors and he said that he would like to speak with the Borough Solicitor for questions on what needs to be included in the BDA By-Laws. Vice-President Stevenson said that Council is unable to answer questions about the Board at this time because they do not know where President Bauer is in the process. Councilman Wagner asked Mr. Christophano if it is the BDA that wants to reduce the number of members on the board and the benefits of that reduction. Mr. Christophano said that if the board was reduced, committees from local business could be formed that would include more input than from just the board. Mr. Christophano stated that the reducing the number of BDA board members was suggested by Council. Mr. Landy said that he feels there have been discussions regarding the BDA, but that no decisions have been made. A discussion ensued regarding the BDA By-Laws and the number of members on the BDA Board of Directors.

Mr. Christophano said that if Council is not going to reappoint members of the BDA Board, a letter should be written to that board member informing them of that fact.

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

Borough Manager Landy said that he received an email from WWT Superintendent Larry Hague about the tree that fell onto the roof of a WWT building. It is not clear whether the tree is on Borough property or whether it is on property owned by the Coal & Coke Trail. Mr. Hague met with Mr. Keeler from the Coal & Coke Trail who agreed to pay half of the \$922 cost to repair the roof of the WWT Building.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to suspend the rules to accept the offer from Coal & Coke Trail to repair the roof at the WWT Plant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to accept the proposal from Coal & Coke Trail to pay one-half of the total cost of \$922 to repair the roof at the WWT Plant caused by a fallen tree. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

**Veterans Park Report:** None

#### **Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to sign a 5-year Agility Agreement with Penn Dot. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to close Route 31 Main Street on June 23, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for the Firemen's Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Vince-President Stevenson tabled a motion that is on the agenda to adopt Ordinance #646 which would establish a permit parking only zone on both sides of Washington Street between College Avenue and S. Diamond Street.

Vice-President Stevenson said that she and Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy attended the Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10 board meeting on 5/17/15. Councilwoman Stevenson said that Medic 10 is moving forward with new programs such as doing transfers for West Penn Allegheny Health System using personnel and equipment normally used in the winter months doing transfers from Seven Springs Ski Resort. Vice-President Stevenson said that the process of the rehabilitation of one of the ambulances that was authorized by Council is almost complete.

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:** None

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to suspend the curfew for Saturday May 30, 2015 100-Inning Softball Game at Frick Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Pritts said that the light at the pavilion at Frick Park is not working. Borough Manager Landy said that the Street Department did the repair the last time and he will ask them to look at it.

Councilman Wagner said that he was approached by a parent of the Girls Softball League asking is there was something Council could do about spectators smoking at the games. Councilman Wagner said that during the games the league has control of the park and it should be up to them to request that spectators not smoke. Vice-President Stevenson said that it also may be possible to reach people through an email list.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that she received information from Solicitor Wolfe regarding a smoking policy for borough property and she will meet with her committee to discuss the proposed policy.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to sign an Association Member Services Agreement with First Lab and the PSAB for DOT Random Drug Testing. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

**Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts said that the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign needs some landscaping work done. We may be able to get a contract from a landscaping company to come in once a year to do some maintenance.

Borough Manager Landy said that the security cameras at Willow Park are not working. Councilman Pritts said that he will contact the company who installed the cameras.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilman Caruso reminded residents again that there is a borough ordinance stating that you are not allowed to put your trash out any more than 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up time.

**New Business:**

Borough Manager Landy said that he would like to see as many council members as possible attend the Safety Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30am at the borough office. These Safety Committee Meetings affect the cost of our Workers Compensation Insurance.

Mr. Landy said that most grants require in-kind services from the Borough. It may be possible for the Borough to provide handicap signs and install them as well as grates and their cleanout for the Penn Park Project.

Councilman Pritts said that at the next meeting Council will have to discuss whether WWT personnel can remove the trees that are in danger of falling onto their property.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communication:

- The Viking Cheerleaders have requested a donation for their golf outing on August 2, 2015.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to suspend the rules for a donation to the Mount Pleasant Viking Cheerleaders. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to donate \$50 to the Mount Pleasant Viking Cheerleaders in appreciation for their participation in borough events. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

**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 6-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

**Meeting adjourned 9:14pm**

## **Motions from May 18, 2015 Meeting**

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