

**Meeting May 4, 2015**

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 and The Lord’s Prayer were said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Pritts, Wagner and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruskowski and Stevenson and were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Stephen Ober, Silver Street, Mount Pleasant PA former Mount Pleasant Police Chief commented on the statement made at the last council meeting about the UCR reports not being completed for the last two years. Mr. Ober said that the reports were completed up until the time he retired and no grant money was ever lost because reports were not completed.

Mr. Uebelacker, 131 Center Avenue Mount Pleasant PA registered a complaint with Council regarding vehicles going to the softball field at Willow Park. The vehicles use his alley that was recently made two-way and it is causing a safety issues with children on bikes and people walking their dogs as well as property damage. Mr. Landy said that other people have complained about the alley being two-way. Mr. Uebelacker said that it may work if the alley could be two-way all the way down to Willow Park but it would be best if the alley is returned to one-way traffic. Council agreed to return it to one-way and told Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza to correct the signage.

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of April 2015:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the Month of April 2015

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

Complaints	52	
Drug Arrests	3	
DUI Arrests	4	
Parking Tickets Issued	8	
Traffic Citations Issued	54	
Assist Other Departments	4	
Accidents Investigated	3	
Assist Medic 10	4	
Return from District Court	\$	1,229.27
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$	289.26
Fees for Police Reports	\$	60.00
Parking Tickets Paid	\$	15.00
Parking Meter Collection	\$	1,032.00
Payment For Property Sold		\$600.00
Refund from Drug Task Force		\$0.00
Total Income for March 2015	\$	3,225.53

Mayor Lucia spoke about the Mount Pleasant Borough 2015 Emergency Operations Plan. President Bauer said that it is very important that council members get all necessary NIMS certifications.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adopt Mount Pleasant Borough's 2015 Emergency Operations Plan. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Lucia thanked council members who attended the Annual Firemen's Banquet.

Mayor Lucia said that there was a small ceremony at Shop Demo Depot on Arbor Day. Sixth grade students from Ramsay Elementary School attended and planted some trees.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to hire the following individuals as Part-time Policemen for the Borough of Mount Pleasant: Kenneth Michel, Mount Pleasant PA, Zachaery Stumpf, Jeannette, PA and John Brown, Acme PA. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that all three of the part-time policemen were interviewed by Mayor Lucia and Police Chief Doug Sam.

Mayor Lucia swore in Kenneth Michel, Zachaery Stumpf and John Brown as part-time police officers for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.

### **Tax Collector Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of April 2015:

Property Taxes = \$296,074.97  
Supplemental = \$550.58  
Per Capita = \$55.00

Total Collected = \$296,689.55

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Wolfe spoke to Council about the proposed Permit Parking Ordinance and stated that all revisions have been incorporated. Solicitor Wolfe said that the next step is for Council to make a motion to advertise the ordinance. Solicitor Wolfe said that Section II of the ordinance makes it effective 30 days after passage in order to give the Borough time to erect signage and get the program in place.

### **President's Report:**

President Bauer said that he has received complaints from residents on Shupe Street below Shop N Save. The street was one-way and recently changed to two-way. The residents said that with cars parked on one side of the street there is not enough room for two vehicles and they would like to see the street on-way again. Mayor Lucia said that S. Diamond Street turns into Mount Pleasant Township and it motion would have to be to start one-way from the first borough property.

President Bauer said that during the Arbor Day Ceremony he has a conversation with representatives from Shop Demo Depot and they are willing to clean up the borough compost pile and remove what the Borough does not want.

President Bauer said that he attended the Firemen's Banquet to honor Mayor Lucia's for his 40 years of service to the fire department and all of the other firemen who received citations for their years of service.

President Bauer said that he, Borough Manager Landy, Mayor Lucia, Councilman Pritts and Police Chief Sam attended a meeting at the Mount Pleasant Area High School where Pathologist Dr. Cyril Wecht spoke about ways to combat drug abuse in the area.

President Bauer said that Senior Recognition Awards will be presented at the Geyer Theater in Scottsdale May 21, 2015 at 5:30pm. Students from Mount Pleasant and Southmoreland School Districts will be recognized.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to reappoint Mr. Ed Christophano to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

President Bauer said that he would like to see owners or managers of businesses in town as members of the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. President Bauer said that BDA President Ed Christophano would also like to see a seven-person board in the future as well as committees made up of non-board members. A discussion ensued about the BDA By-laws and the role of the BDA in the Borough. President Bauer said that the current BDA members are reorganizing and taking the BDA in a positive direction.

President Bauer said that the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Golf Outing will be held on July 18, 2015. If Council wants to sponsor a hole the cost is \$100. If anyone wants to golf in the outing please let the borough office know before the next council meeting.

President Bauer said that Police Chie Sam would like to promote Patrolman George Grippo to the rank of Sargent. It would give Officer Grippo an ability to supervise when the Chief is not at the station. Officer Grippo would have to pass a Civil Service Test. Solicitor Wolfe said that the Police Contract would have to be looked at to determine if there are any other requirements.

President Bauer said that he and Councilwoman Ruszkowski ordered the 2015 Borough Christmas Ornament. This year the ornament will be burgundy and will feature the Gazebo. 192 limited edition ornaments have been ordered. President Bauer said that he is looking at other items the company is offering.

#### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the Budget Vs. Actual Report to determine how the budget looks through April.

Borough Manager Landy said meetings have held regarding the Borough's an agreement with Mount Pleasant Township and how we are going to divide the cost of the bio-tower replacement. The agreement will be drafted by the Township Solicitor and when completed will be forwarded to the Borough Solicitor for approval.

Mr. Landy said that the bids for Penn Park came in much too high and meetings were held with the architect and county representatives. The specs will be re-vamped and simplified. Some of the items that caused uncertainty will be removed from the bid and the county will pay for those.

Borough Manager Landy said that bids for the Willow Park bathroom also came in high and the specs will have to be re-written.

Borough Manager Lady said that K-2 Engineering has inspected the property at 12 N Church Street and will be writing a report for Council.

Mr. Landy said that Scottsdale Bank will have an official opening on May 26, 2015, but will have a soft opening sometime this week.

Mr. Landy reported that during a recent storm a tree from the Bike Trail fell across the creek onto a building at the WWT Plant. The owner of the Bike Trail feels that the tree was on the border of County and Borough property and the insurance deductibles are higher than the cost of the repair. Representatives from the Bike Trail asked Council to send a representative to the next trail meeting to discuss possibly sharing the cost and not turning it into insurance.

Borough Manager Landy said that this is the week of the G-13 Conference and he is hoping Council will attend as many conference meetings as possible. The dinner will be held on Saturday and Senator Jay Costa will be the guest speaker.

## **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague gave the following report:

- 1999 Ford F250 remove fuel tank and replace fuel pump
- 1996 Ford F250 remove transmission, repair and reinstall
- Flush Bio-tower #1 and #2
- Open fountain at Veterans Park
- Landscape yard at plant from damage due to the Bio-tower Media replacement project.
- Meet with Penn Dot regarding Main Street Reconstruction project and cost estimate to replace sewer lines on Main Street.
- Remove Merry-to-round from Willow Park.
- Remove tree that fell across the creek from bike trail and landed on WWT building.
- Pump down and clean final clarifier #2.
- Research fine from DEP.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay the WWT DEP fine in the amount of \$2,300 for high ammonia in February and March 2014 and October 2014. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

President Bauer said that he researched earlier Minutes and found where WWT Personnel and the borough engineer reported that there is already a problem with the second bio-tower and it will eventually need to be replaced. The five-year plan for the \$15 Capital Surcharge on sewage bills will pay for the replacement of both bio-towers. President Bauer said that the comminutor still needs to be replaced before work starts on the seconded Bio-tower. Borough Manager Landy said that Mount Pleasant Township is aware of the costs for both bio-towers as well as the comminutor and the solicitors are working on a payment agreement between the Borough and Township.

## **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilman Wagner said that a quote was received from Silvis Group to maintain the landscaping at Veterans Park. The Platinum price would be \$277.19 for five applications and the Gold price would be \$149.74 and would include 3 applications.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to suspend the rules accept the quote from Silvis Group for the Gold price of \$149.74. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to accept the quote for treating Veterans Park and the Gazebo from Silvis Group for the Gold price of \$149.74. This price included 3 applications. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

## **Streets Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department is working on patching and painting lines and are very busy.

Councilwoman Bailey thanked Council for allowing her to attend the Annual PSAB Conference in Hershey. The conference was very informative and Councilwoman Bailey said that she has information to share with borough departments.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for the purpose of advertising Permit Parking Ordinance #646. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise Permit Parking Ordinance #646. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Councilwoman Bailey and Councilman Wagner abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2015:

Total Calls – 39

In Town – 7

Out of Town – 32

10-45's – 9

10-45's W/Entrapment – 1

Fires – 13

Public Service Calls – 3

AFA's – 11

Standby's – 2

Drills – 1

Turnpike Calls – 3

Total Members Answering – 533

Avg. Member Per Call – 13

Total Staff Hours – 367

Councilwoman Stevenson thanked all of the Firemen who were honored at the recent banquet and all Mount Pleasant Firemen for their service.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked Council to look at the second page of Police Chief Sam's Police Report. It outlines everything that is being done at the Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Police Chief Doug Sam said that he and Borough Manager Landy were involved in a conference call to discuss a community alert system that is free of charge to the Borough. Chief Sam said that he and Mr. Landy are looking at how to advertise the program and get people to sign up.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that evidence at the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Station is being bar coded in a state-of-the-art way of handling evidence.

Police Chief Sam encouraged residents to call 911 whenever something is stolen, no matter how small because there are been some things stolen and a couple of burglaries that may be related and there are things that can be done even after the fact. Also, if the Police know where something is stolen, they know where to patrol.

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

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to accept the 2015 schedule of games at Frick Park for the Mount Pleasant Girls Softball League. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:** None

**Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts reported that work on Frick Park bathrooms is almost complete and they have been cleaned and opened to the public. They still need to be painted and a hand dryer needs to be installed.

A wall needs to be built behind the post office boxes in the police station to comply with the audit.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:** None

**New Business:**

President Bauer said that he received a request for a donation from the Mount Pleasant Multi-Service Center.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for a motion to donate \$50 to the Multi-Service Center. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

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Councilwoman Stevenson said that May 5, 2015 is the “Day of Giving” sponsored by the Pittsburgh Foundation and the Westmoreland Foundation. There are over 100 organizations that are on the list of donation recipients. Anyone wishing to give can go to [pittsburghgives.org](http://pittsburghgives.org) to make a donation between 8am to midnight.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Borough received a formal request to dissolve The Frick Communities because the funding strategy was unsuccessful.
- There will be a meeting regarding the proposed deep mine in Donegal. We will be contacted with a date and time.
- Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania is requesting sponsorship.
- The next meeting of the Westmoreland County Borough’s Association will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Westmoreland Conservation District Office beginning at 7pm.

**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 8:57pm**

## Motions from Meeting of

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