

## Meeting June 2, 2014

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by Vice President Stevenson at 7:08pm 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. Vice President Stevenson directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman Caruso, Tate, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwoman Bailey were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. Vice President Stevenson stated we have a quorum. President Bauer arrived 7:12pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 19, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Mark Krystyniak, 506 Ridgeview Road, Mount Pleasant PA spoke to Council regarding the property owned by Dr. El-Attrache across from Harmon House on Church Street. The building is zoned Health Care District and Mr. Krystyniak asked if Council would consider changing the zoning to Multi-Family. Mayor Lucia explained that it would not be a decision for Council to make. Mr. Krystyniak would have to file for a zoning variance before Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Krystyniak asked Council if they know of anyone who would be willing to invest with him to develop the Burns property and the property he owns on Main Street. If he can't find anyone to help him develop the property, he will turn it into permit parking. Mr. Landy said that he has talked to developers who are working with the County, but does not know if these developers would be interested in partnering with anyone. The Borough could partner with the County, but the Borough would have to own the property to be developed.

Mr. Krystyniak said that he has almost completed the demolition of the property on Main Street that was the former office of Attorney Nat Abromson. When the demolition is complete, the side of the building being exposed will be treated to prevent water damage to the inside.

### **Speakers:**

Ms. Ellen Keefe, Executive Director of Westmoreland Cleanways presented Council with a check in the amount of \$4,500 in the form of a grant from Keep America Beautiful and the UPS Foundation. The funds are available to plant trees at Willows Park Frick Park. Councilman Wojnar thanked Ms. Keefe on behalf of the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Committee for the grant funds as well as the tools used during the first annual Clean Up Mount Pleasant day.

Mr. Ed Christafano, owner of Hayden's Pharmacy on Main Street, asked Council for approval to hold an antique car show on Main Street on Saturday June 14, 2014 from 4pm to 7pm. Mr. Christafano asked to permission to close the alley between his building and the Spoked Wheel so that they can use the alley to have a hot dog stand during the event. They would also like to have a sound system for what they call "Rock Around the Block". There will be contests and a Chinese Auction.

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Mr. Christafano said that they will assist in bagging the meters, but may need some assistance with crowd control when the event is winding down. President Bauer said that the Police Department will be able to assist.

Ms. Debbie Salopek presented a letter on behalf of James Tylka and his family. Mr. Tylka asked Council for permission to hold a 5k walk through Mount Pleasant to benefit his mother Kathy Tylka who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in May of this year. Kathy was a teacher for the Mount Pleasant School District for almost 40 years. The walk will begin at Spruce/Silver Street, will go past Jack Bobb's Park and make a left onto Terrace Ave. From there they will turn left onto Center Avenue and make a left onto S. Church Street. They will proceed on S. Church Street and make a right onto West Walnut Street at Visitation Church. From there they will make a left onto Eagle Street and then a right onto Reservoir Street. After Reservoir Street they will turn right onto Morewood Street, go across Route 31 and turn right onto West Smithfield Street. They will

continue to go straight on W Smithfield Street past Transfiguration Church and turn right at the stop sign, then make a left down an alley behind Leo's Grille 31, Lobingers and Millers Refrigeration. They will then turn right onto Cherry Street and cross over Main Street onto Center Avenue. They will take a right onto Spruce Street and then a right onto S. Shupe Street and end the walk at the St. Pius X Social Hall. The Tylka family is asking for any Police, EMS and Firemen to help with this walk. The walk will begin at 10am on June 28, 2014. The deadline for registration will be June 22, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving a 5k walk sponsored by the Tylka family. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve a 5k walk for Kathy Tylka and the fight against pancreatic cancer with all proceeds going to the Hillman Cancer Center of UPMC Presbyterian Hospital on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

A representative from Kraisinger's Family Dentistry spoke to Council about a fundraiser they will hold for Ted Pence who was diagnosed with spina bifida. The family lost their wheelchair-accessible van in an accident last year and money raised will go toward replacing it. Kraisinger's Family Dentistry will offer teeth whitening for 50% off the regular price.

Chris Caruso, 5117 Fairview Drive, Mount Pleasant talked to Council about the locking of the basketball courts. Mr. Caruso said he would like clarification about when they will be locked. Councilman Wojnar said that there are reports about leagues using the courts and according to borough ordinance there are certain criteria that must be met before an organized league can use borough facilities. Councilman Wojnar said that if Mr. Caruso is interested in league play at the courts he only has to provide Council with what is required in the ordinance including providing a certificate of liability insurance.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of May 2014:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of May 2014

The Department answered 314 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	66
Requests for assistance	6
Assist Other Departments	6
Accidents investigated	10
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	7
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 8 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	6	
Crimes Code	2	
Borough Ordinance	0	
Warning Issued	10	High Grass

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	29
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	2
Void / Excused	3

		\$
2.50 Meter Ticket Paid	1	2.50
		\$
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	17	68.00
		\$
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	5.00
		\$
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	20.00
		\$
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	15.00
		\$
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	2	20.00
		\$
Return from Magistrate Eckels		1,408.66
Return from Clerk of Courts		\$

	317.04
	\$
Return from Report Fees	105.00
	\$
Return from Parking Permits	10.00
Return from Restitution	\$ -
	\$
Total	1,991.20
	\$
1 Meter Collection	1,306.36
	\$
Total receipts for the month	3,297.56

Mayor Lucia thanked all of the people who came out to honor our Veterans on Memorial Day and made it such a success.

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**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Wolfe said that he and Borough Manager Landy met with Honeywell and we should be receiving the finalized contract to vote on at the next council meeting.

Solicitor Wolfe said that the Borough does business with the PFM Group which is a financial investment advisory group. The managing directors of PFM Group are going to buy the business and rename it PFM Asset Management LLC. They have requested that the Borough sign an assignment of relationship for the new entity. Solicitor Wolfe asked Council if they will approve Borough Manager Landy to sign the document. Council agreed that Mr. Landy could sign the document.

**Tax Collector's Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following Tax Collector Report for the month of May 2014:

Property Tax = \$10,769.60  
Per Capita = \$82.50

Total Collected = \$10,852.10

**President's Report:**

President Bauer asked Council to take a moment of silence to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day which will be this Friday June 6, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to donate \$50 to the Historical Society for the Community Picnic. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy told Council that if anyone has any questions regarding the Budget Vs. Actual Report this month they can call him in the borough office this week.

Mr. Landy said that Concerts In The Park will begin on June 15, 2014. Mr. Landy said that the Borough has been receiving donations for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks but \$1,500 is still needed.

Borough Manager Landy said that one of the tenants on the second floor of the Municipal Building will be moving and we will have a suite available for rent.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to have Gibson-Thomas Engineers prepare specs and advertise for bids for purchase and installation of media for WWT damaged Bio-tower. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Wagner asked if the Borough is accepting the responsibility for the cost of repairing the bio-tower. Councilman Tate said that at the recent meeting with the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority, they said that they are not responsible to pay for the repairs. Funding for the media and the repair has to be in place in case the borough insurance company will not pay the claim. The only option to repay the money that will need to be borrowed will be to raise the sewage rates.

Councilman Wagner asked if the manufacturer of the media would be willing to give us a better price because no one really knows what happened to cause the damage. Mr. Landy said that the original manufacturer is no longer in business but our engineers found a company who can manufacture the media. Councilman Wagner suggested that perhaps the DEP would have funds to assist the Borough. Councilman Wagner said he is looking at grants that may be available to help.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to apply for a loan in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase and repair of media for the WWT damaged Bio-tower. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Council discussed the necessity of raising sewage rates to cover the cost of the bio-tower and explained that it is unavoidable and will be a minimal increase.

### **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilman Tate reported that the problems with Veterans Park Digital Wall have been addressed and everyone who submitted their names are now on the wall. Mayor Lucia said that the back of the original wall needs to be painted and Councilman Tate said he will see about getting it painted.

Borough Manager Landy told Street Supervisor that there are some decorative lights out at Veterans Park and near the Gazebo. Councilman Tate said that Skowronek has been notified about the dead tree.

### **Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Hudec Construction to replace the cement pad at the Mount Pleasant Library in the amount of \$600. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0. This amount is part of the original payment to Hudec Construction and no further payments will be made.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the trees have been removed near the old volleyball court. The Street Department will remove the limbs and brush so that any borough employee who wants the remaining wood can remove it. Whatever is left will be cut up by the Street Department and be available to any resident who wants it.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the curbs have been pulled, the riser rings are in and the catch basin rings are in, so it ready for the paving company when they want to begin. Catch basins have been ordered for the Quarry Street Project and will be installed within a couple of weeks.

Councilwoman Bailey asked residents to please trim the shrubbery in the alleys streets so that traffic can get through easily without damage to their vehicles and for better visibility. Our Police Department may have to cite property owners where shrubbery or trees are overgrown.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has received requests to make Warden Street one-way from Center Avenue to Silver Street because it is impossible for two cars to pass each other on that street without driving into someone's yard. The Street Committee has recommended that the change be made and Chief Ober said that it would be best to make it one-way from Center Avenue to Silver Street because it would be better traffic flow.

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Councilwoman Bailey said that she would have the Street Department purchase the signage and post the street.

President Bauer said that he has received complaints from Mount Pleasant firemen that they are not able to park to get into the fire trucks when there is a softball game at Frick Park. President Bauer said that the Street Department is going to have to paint the streets and Councilman Wojnar can talk to the members of the league to please have people park in the lot and not where the firemen need to park.

Councilman Tate said that he would like to see the wall at Frick Park completed. Councilwoman Bailey said that the wall will be completed at the end of softball league play. Councilman Tate and President Bauer said they would like it completed as soon as possible so that the grass can be cut.

Mayor Lucia said that he would like the Street Department to look at Jordan Street from Smithfield Street to Main Street because there are wide cracks and he feels the street can be saved by using the crack sealer.

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

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Fire Report for the month of May 2014:

Total Calls – 42  
In Town – 9  
Out of Town – 33  
10-45's – 14  
Fires – 14  
AFA's – 8  
Public Service Calls – 3  
Standbys – 1  
Drills – 1  
Turnpike Calls – 2  
Total Members Answering Calls – 462  
Avg Members Per Call – 11  
Total Staff Hours – 343

Councilwoman Stevenson said that a help-wanted ad was placed in the paper for a Zoning Ordinance Officer and she will review the applications before interviews are scheduled.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she had a conversation with Borough Manager Landy about K2 Engineering and property maintenance. If anyone has complaints please let the secretary know and she will email the complaints to me.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she was a guest on Mount Pleasant Up Close and talked about ordinances that pertain to the summer months. One such ordinance requires dog walkers to clean up after their pets. Also that trash can be put at the curb only 24 hours before waste pickup.

Councilwoman Stevenson said she will speak to the Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Committee about ordinances for parking lot and electronic signs before Council goes any further.

Councilwoman Stevenson reminded residents that the Community Yard Sale will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm and anyone who wants to register can call the borough office up until noon on Friday and have your name put on the list of participants. A list of participants and copies of the borough map will be available in the parking lot behind Levin Furniture. The normal yard sale fee is waived for this community yard sale.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that her committee is still working on a public monument for Mount Pleasant Police Chief Pore who was killed in the line of duty. Some generous person has already placed a plaque at the entrance of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The committee will continue working on a more public monument.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to give members of Medic 10 permission to attend a ceremony honoring Mike Oplinger, Station Manager for Medic 10, on Wednesday June 4, 2014 in Pittsburgh at a cost of \$25 per person. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

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**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilman Wagner said that he received a letter from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission stating that Mount Pleasant’s LED conversion project was not selected for funding.

Councilman Wagner said that he is still looking into grants for water supply and waste water treatment through FEMA. These grants would be for weather related damage or new construction. Councilman Tate said that there is a slight chance that the damage to the bio-tower at our WWT Plant was caused by lightning.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

Councilman Wojnar thanked Denise from StuckUp Grafix for printing the summer program flyers in time to have them distributed to Donegal, Rumbaugh, Norvelt and Ramsay Elementary Schools. The flyers outline all of the summer programs that will be available in the Borough this summer.

Councilman Wojnar thanked Mr. Chris Caruso for attending the meeting tonight to discuss the basketball courts and to be willing to step up to meet the ordinance requirements.

Councilman Wojnar said that he has begun receiving complaints about bees at Frick Park. Councilman Wojnar said he met with Borough Manager Landy and an exterminator and they have come up with a temporary solution. He also talked to Councilwoman Bailey and we will be removing the sand from the park in sections.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:** None

**Property Report:** None

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilman Caruso reported that Westmoreland Cleanways will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Collection at WCCC on October 4, 2014. They would like a donation of \$160.00 to support the event.

**New Business:**

President Bauer reminded residents that June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day and asked them to please fly their flags on that day.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Candidate Tom Logan would like to come to a meeting with some member of Council to discuss the Borough’s needs.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm**

## **Motions from Meeting of June 2, 2014**

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