

Meeting June 3, 2013

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 Wojnar, Pritts, Snyder, Tate and Councilwomen Bailey, Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 20, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer and Mayor Lucia presented a citation to Ms. Cindy Underwood, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, on the 75th Anniversary of Mount Pleasant Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary.

Public Comment:

Al Martinoski, Mount Pleasant PA addressed Council about a fund raiser for the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Martinoski set up a web site for the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to become a distributor for Shaklee Corporation. People would buy products from the Fire Departments Shaklee web site and the Fire Department would receive proceeds from the sale. This would be a long term fundraising effort. Mayor Lucia said that the funds raised would be used to purchase equipment for the Fire Department.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of May 2013:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of May 2013

The Department answered 402 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	62
Requests for assistance	4
Assist Other Departments	4
Accidents investigated	8
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic	3

The Department made 74 Arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	61
Crimes Code	13
Borough Ordinance	0
Warning Issued	3

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	26
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	6
Void / Excused	4

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	2.00
\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	4.00
\$3.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	3.00
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	39	\$	156.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	6	\$	30.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	7	\$	70.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	8	\$	120.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	6	\$	60.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$	1,284.93
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$	144.48

Return from Report Fees	\$	75.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$	-
Return from Restitution	\$	-
 Total	\$	1,889.41
 1 Meter Collection	\$	1,306.52
 Total Receipts for the month	\$	3,195.93

Mayor Lucia said he was contacted by a young couple who were scammed over Craig's List. The couple sent money overseas to rent an apartment in Mount Pleasant Borough. The address was not for rent and there is no way for the couple to get their money returned. Borough Manager Landy suggested that the Police contact Craig's List regarding the illegal post.

Mayor Lucia said that the Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Park was very successful and well-attended. Mayor Lucia said that he is proud to live in Mount Pleasant where people come out to honor our Veterans. Mayor Lucia said that the new Digital Wall is up and running and is a beautiful addition to Veterans Park.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Wolfe said he is working on the RFP for a guaranteed energy savings program for the Central Fire Station, the Municipal Building and the Synagogue.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of May 2013:

Property Tax	\$8,263.94
Per Capita Tax	\$ 176.00
 Total Collected	 \$8,439.94

Ms. Yancosky said that she has sent out reminders for the Mount Pleasant Area School District Per Capita tax for the 2012/2013 school year and G.H. Harris is collecting past due for the 2011/2012 school year. Next week she will be mailing the new statements for 2013/2014 school year. Ms. Yancosky said that it may be confusing and anyone who has questions can call the tax office at 724-547-7347.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer said Council is getting quotes from landscape companies to do work around the Municipal Building.

President Bauer said that high grass in the Borough is becoming a real problem again this year. Council may have to amend the ordinance to make it tougher on properties that are non-compliant. Some properties have such high grass that a lawn mower will not do the job. Mr. Landy said that when residents call to report high grass in their neighborhood, he fills out a complaint form and the borough office tries to get as much information as they can. Most of the time the caller does not know who to contact because the property is empty. It makes it very difficult to cite anyone or contact them to mow the grass. Mr. Landy said he asks a policeman to check the property and then turns it over to Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza. Mr. Fontanazza has the phone number for a group of young people from the Church of God who volunteer to cut grass in the summer. It is very difficult to keep up. This process only works if we can find out who owns the property. A discussion ensued about how to handle the problem in the future.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts for and Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:20pm to 8:48pm

President Bauer stated that the executive session was held to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to suspend the rules for the purpose of an appointment to the BDA. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to appoint Mr. Donald Rega, 530 Equestrian Way, Mount Pleasant to the Mount Pleasant Borough Business District Authority. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- The Concerts In The Park have begun and the first one was very successful. The concert on September 1, 2013 will be during the Tomato Festival that is being used to raise funds for the July 3rd fireworks display. Anyone interested in participating in the Tomato Festival can call the borough office.
- There are new rules for draining swimming pools. Pool water must be drained into the Sanitary Sewer and not into the ground or into the Storm Sewer.
- Mr. Ed Huffman, the owner of Route 31 Car Wash has donated 12 car washes and 12 oil changes to the Mount Pleasant Police Department for police vehicles.
- The Mount Pleasant Street Department is in need of a new computer. Councilman Pritts said that they could take one currently in use for the cameras or they could purchase a new computer for Mr. Landy's office and give his to the Street Department.
- Suite 206 in the Municipal Building has been rented which makes the building fully occupied.
- There was a small problem with the Digital Wall. The problem was resolved by rebooting the system. Mr. Landy said that Industry Weapon gave him instructions on how to reboot the system in the future.
- Preparations are being made for the first week of the YMCA Summer Program at Satcho Park. The program will be at Satcho Park during the month of June 2013 and at Frick Park for the month of July 2013.
- The new borough map is almost complete. There are three ads to be filled and then it can be printed. Anyone interested in having an ad on the map can contact the borough office and we will put you in touch with the right person.
- Volunteers from WCCC have been helping the Mount Pleasant Police Department by writing up parking meter citations.
- There will be a pre-demolition meeting regarding the demolition of the Penn Theater at 100 W Main on Wednesday beginning at 8:30am at the theater. All of Council is invited to attend.
- We will be applying for a grant to be used to purchase props for the Reality Tour.
- The Southmoreland School District Food Program will be at Frick Park beginning June 17, 2013 from noon to 1:00pm. The program provides free lunch to young people up to the age of 18 years.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to purchase a Vibra-Plate for the Excavator from Bobcat in the amount of \$4,500. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

WWT Supervisor Norman Stout reported on the progress of the Quarry Street Project.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said the Street Department personnel are working on cutting grass and they will meet with Little League officials regarding painting a crosswalk near the field.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that a question was asked regarding who is eligible to have their name on the Digital Wall at Veterans Park. Anyone person who has been honorably discharged from a United States branch of service is eligible to have their name on the wall. There is a fee to cover the cost of production.

Public Safety:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to suspend the rules for the purpose of hiring a part-time paramedic to Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to hire Jeffrey D. McFadden, Greensburg, PA as a part-time paramedic to Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Mr. Landy reported that the Mount Pleasant community yard sale will be held on Saturday June 22, 2013 from 8am to 5pm. No permit is needed for this day. You may call the borough office until Jun 14th if you want to be on the map at 724-547-6745. Maps will be available at the Cat Committee location behind Levin Furniture or at the Historical Society.

Borough Manager Landy said that Levin Furniture will put up a tent again this year on the sidewalk in front of their store. They called Councilman McCloy for permission to erect the tent.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said she received notice from Transportation Improvement Program that they would like to know what borough officials would like changed in regard to transportation issues. Councilwoman Bailey said she and Borough Manager Landy presented the following "wish list":

- The railroad crossing near Shop Demo Depot should be addressed.
- Traffic signals on 31 upgraded to include LED messages.
- Signage at the Doughboy instructing tractor trailers to go straight ahead and signage to tell them what exits to use to avoid the Doughboy intersection. If that is not possible, they could provide us decorative guards for our lamp posts to avoid damage from these trucks.

Councilwoman Bailey said she received paperwork from Mr. Landy regarding a grant to help with the cost of erecting the Borough's early warning signal. Councilwoman Bailey said that she will find out if we are eligible for grant funds. But the funds will not be available until after January 1, 2013. Councilwoman Bailey said she feels we should move ahead with the installation as soon as possible and reimburse the General Fund if we receive grant money. Mayor Lucia said that the installation has already started. Councilman Tate said that we should look at some other project to apply for because he feels that grant money would not be allocated to be used for reimbursement.

Parks & Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to ratify the 2013 Little League Schedule for Willows Park Baseball Field and accept their certificate of insurance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Wojnar said that he contacted four companies to provide estimates to get rid of the ground bees at the Frick Park Playground. Quotes range from \$225.00 to \$2,200.00. It was recommended that we remove the sand entirely in the future. Councilman Wojnar said he recommends getting the bees exterminated now since Frick Park will be used heavily during the summer park program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to suspend the rules for the purpose of hiring a company to exterminate the ground bees at Frick Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to authorize Silvis to exterminate the ground bees at Frick Park for the cost of \$225. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Finance & Human Resources Report: None

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to sign a contract with Joseph Sobester, 237 Lentz Road, Latrobe PA to install the new clock motor into the Town Clock. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Pritts reported that he is getting quotes for landscape possibilities at the Welcome To Mount Pleasant Sign. Council discussed different options. Councilman Pritts said he is still working on getting prices for lighting the sign.

A discussion ensued about landscaping around the Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for the purpose of hiring a company to landscape around the Municipal Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize the Property Committee to go with the company providing the lowest most responsible bid for landscaping the Municipal Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

Councilwoman Stevenson said that there were a number of events in Mount Pleasant over the weekend and she said she would like to see a better turn-out by the public for these events. Some of the events were fundraisers for very worthwhile causes. Councilwoman Stevenson said she is going to work with the newspaper on a calendar of events to inform people about these events and to encourage them to come out and participate.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to sponsor a hole in the 2013 Volunteer Firemen's Golf Outing in the amount of \$100.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Bailey reminded everyone that when they are walking their pets to please carry a baggy to clean up after them.

Councilwoman Bailey told residents that if they are going to install a driveway and need to cut a curb they need to get permission from Council. If it is on a state highway you must get permission from Penn Dot.

Councilwoman Bailey asked Council what their decision is concerning replacing the pad on the back door of the Library. Councilman Tate said he will have the Street Department take care of it by the end of the summer.

Mayor Lucia reminded residents that the Community Picnic is June 18, 2013. The Firemen's Fair will be held from June 24, 2013 to June 29, 2013 and the Firemen's Parade will be on June 25, 2013 beginning at 7:00pm.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Cancer Relay for Life Team is having a Chili Throwdown on Sunday June 23, 2013 at the Mount Pleasant Church of God. There is a \$25 entrance fee.

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 Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm

Motion from June 3, 2013 Meeting

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