

Meeting July 20, 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 was said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Tate, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruskowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer said that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of July 6, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said he attended the State Mayor's Conference and he will have a full report at the next meeting.

Mayor Lucia brought up the subject of parking against traffic. Councilwoman Stevenson said that there is a flyer prepared to make drivers aware that it is a violation and the Mount Pleasant Police Department will begin enforcing it. President Bauer said that he feels that parking against traffic should be enforced on Main Street but not in neighborhoods. President Bauer said that he does not feel it is a danger. President Bauer said that he would not like to see vehicles ticketed. Councilman Tate said that the law states it is only illegal if you cross a center line. Councilwoman Stevenson and Councilwoman Bailey both said that they would like to see the vehicle code enforced because of safety issues. Mayor Lucia said that there are streets in the Borough where it is safer to park against traffic especially in the winter. Mayor Lucia and President Bauer said that they would like to see speed limits enforced in the Borough because that is a bigger safety issue and Councilman Tate said that he would like to see our Police doing more drug enforcement. It was decided that parking against traffic will only be enforced on Main Street.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2015:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jun-15			Balance
		Previous	Deposits	Disbursements	2015
		Balance			
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	58,941.00	237,966.13	246,907.13	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	1,007,225.47	72,116.93	133,097.06	946,245.34
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	552,259.30	14,311.55	0.00	566,570.85
**Police		30,683.60			
**Streets		110,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		204,881.05			
**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			
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act 13		14,265.02			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 7000126	2,969.24	1,706.74	0.00	4,675.98
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	2,203.70	0.00	0.00	2,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	145,567.96	1.69	7,055.95	138,513.70
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	6,747.79	0.00	0.00	6,747.79
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,804.02	0.07	0.00	1,804.09

Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	661.21	107,504.37	80,024.20	28,141.38
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	6,981.94	0.00	0.00	6,981.94
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.03	0.03	0.00	614.06
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,753,746.04
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	52,027.48	74,743.58	6,695.77	120,075.29
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	157,145.27	1,013.00	0.00	158,158.27
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,884.97	0.26	0.00	5,885.23
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,000.83	0.50	0.00	4,001.33
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					288,120.12
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	354,727.27	43,008.77	55,600.61	342,135.43
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	116,751.38	1,513.86	0.00	118,265.24
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	40,852.04	3.36	0.00	40,855.40
**Contingency	33,385.58				
**Infrastructure	7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	37,210.49	9,761.56	6,915.25	40,056.80
Total WWT Balance					541,312.87
Total Borough funds					2,583,179.03

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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President's Report:

President Bauer said that the alley at the hospital needs paved. President Bauer said that it does not need to be milled, just paved three or four inches. Other paving and water issues were discussed including water coming from the Frick Hospital property.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that income from gas wells in the Borough is very low and all funds that come in from the gas wells goes into budgetary reserve.

Borough Manager Landy said that Mount Pleasant Borough Emergency Management will be putting out a flyer to explain and educate residents about the siren.

Borough Manager Landy said that the wall at Frick Park is nearing completion.

Mr. Landy said that he met with representatives from the Westmoreland County Landbank and they are in the process of purchasing the property on Main Street that was formerly the R & R Station.

Mr. Landy said that there will be a Safety Committee Meeting tomorrow July 21, 2015 at 9:30 in council chambers and Council is invited to attend.

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia are going to meet with grant writers from Ligonier who do Police and Fire Department grants. Mr. Landy met with a member of the G13 Conference and the Borough may be doing a joint community grant application for street equipment with them. The discussions are in the preliminary stage and both communities are working on it. A grant writer for the USDA who sits on the Smart Growth Board with Mr. Landy has offered to write grants for Mount Pleasant Borough at no cost and she is looking at a list of possibilities.

Mr. Landy reported that Sarp & Company, the Borough's Auditor has been acquired by Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC. They will maintain an office in Greensburg with the same employees, but John Sarp will be retiring.

Borough Manager Landy said that the borough office looked up the lawsuits filed against the Borough in the past and the amount our insurance company paid for each suit as well as legal fees for one of the suits. Legal fees for the others are not available.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that Waste Water Treatment Superintendent Larry Hague would like to sell a couple of pieces of equipment at the plant and replace them with a John Deere piece of equipment that includes a front loader, rear bucket, snow plow and a side cut and is big enough to lift the sludge tank. The cost of the tractor is \$32,000 and would be purchased off the COSTAR contract so would not have to go out to bid. The money from the sale of the Kubota etc. will be used to pay for the new tractor. Mr. Hague will be at the next meeting to discuss the purchase with Council.

Councilman Tate discussed the sewage connection issue at J.T. Sowers property on Diamond Street. Councilman Tate said that the line was there originally and was cut off and feels that the Borough should pay to run the line to the corner of the driveway and Mr. Sowers should pay to run the line from there to the building. President Bauer said that Council will vote at the next meeting when they are provided with the cost. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is unclear why it is the Borough's responsibility to correct the situation when there is no proof that the Borough caused the problem.

Veterans Park Report: None

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that the invoice from Tresco Paving for the paving of North and South Geary Streets came in at \$49,600.81. The original bid was \$38,248.50 with a change order for \$13,000 to \$17,000 so the change order actually came to \$11,352.31 which is under the estimate.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the curb was installed on Vine Street but it hasn't rained since and we don't know if the problem is solved. When it rains, if the problem is not solved, we will move to the second phase.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the fence and the sand at the volleyball court have been removed and there is a base there to lay millings on top of gravel and roll the surface. A sign will be put up stating that the parking lot is for borough employees and municipal building tenants and Frick Park Events.

Councilwoman Bailey said that Mr. Larry Golobish, the Street Department summer employee is working out very well. Mr. Golobish is cutting grass at borough properties, maintaining Veterans Park on a daily basis, is working on weeding the rain gardens on borough properties, is building and repairing picnic tables and at his own suggestion, is weeding the Doughboy. Right now he is working on the bathrooms at Frick Park.

Councilwoman Bailey said that Penn Dot is requesting that we sign a five-year winter maintenance agreement. Councilwoman Bailey said that she calculated our costs and based on that information the Borough would lose money every year of the agreement. Also, the time we spend on state roads takes time away from maintaining borough streets. The choices are that we don't sign the agreement and Penn Dot maintains state roads in the Borough, or we sign the five-year agreement and accept the money they pay us to maintain them. It must be a Council decision. President Bauer said that in the past when Penn Dot was taking care of the roads in the winter they were not doing a good job and when we called them they said that if we weren't happy then we should take over. Borough Manager Landy said that a decision whether or not to sign the agreement has to be made at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has received an estimate of \$6,700 for 3 triaxles of scratch coat over our worst areas to make them smooth and sealed. The areas would be ready to be tarred and chipped if we decided to do that in the future. Councilwoman Bailey will have a list of the streets to be scratch coated at the next council meeting.

Public Safety & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she attended the opening ceremonies of the Little League at Willow Park on Saturday July 18th and she appreciated being invited.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that on Thursday July 23rd at 3pm she will attend a meeting with Police Chief Doug Sam, Borough Manager Landy, Mayor Lucia and Secretary Fedorchak to discuss the police budget and to go over the interaction between the borough office and the police department. Any Public Safety & Ordinance committee member is welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Stevenson Said that she received an email regarding a business being operated on Warden Street which is zoned R1A. It is apparently an automotive repair shop and there are numerous cars on the property. President Bauer said that you cannot have a business in a residential zone and it will have to be shut down and the vehicles removed.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar recognized the Mount Pleasant Little League for their success so far and wished them luck going forward.

Councilman Wojnar reported that the new playground equipment for Frick Park has been ordered and will be paid for with CDBG Grant funds.

Councilman Wojnar said that Wednesday morning July15, 2015 he, Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy met with representatives from the Mount Pleasant Soccer League and Little League and shared information regarding the proposed crossing.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$5,754 from General Fund Budgetary Reserve, Contingency Line Item, for the cost to repair the Doughboy lights and receptacle. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve payment to Handyman Joe for police station door in the amount of \$3,895.54. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

Councilwoman Bailey said that she attended the Library Board Meeting and the Board would like to know when they will be receiving their yearly check from the Borough. President Bauer said that the check for the Library will be discussed at the next meeting.

Reading of Communications: None

Discussion & Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:39pm

Motions from July 20, 2015 Meeting

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