

Meeting February 18, 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 McCloy, McFeaters, Pritts, Snyder, Tate and Councilwomen Bailey and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and the Borough Solicitor was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 4, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speaker:

Mark Funk, Mark Funk's Masonry Maintenance, spoke to Council about his plans to repair and reinforce the chimney on the Municipal Building. Mayor Lucia said that the new emergency siren will be mounted on the chimney. Council discussed the project.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that there will be a Reality Tour meeting on February 19, 2013 at 6:30. All of Council should attend so that they can get a feeling of what the Reality Tour is all about and how it can benefit young people in the Mount Pleasant Area.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jan-13			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	159,183.44	156,103.44	53,080.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	660,587.72	70,338.54	66,238.38	664,687.88
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,343.82	3.68	0.00	43,347.50
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,347.50				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	370,804.80	47.24	0.00	370,852.04
**Police	60,000.00				
**Streets	80,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	62,658.83				
**Infrastructure	90,000.00				
**BOMP1 Gas Well	9,250.00				
**BOMP2 Gas Well	4,572.81				
**Frick Park Gas Well	19,423.96				
**Levins	4,365.06				
**Surveillance Cameras	9,000.00				
**Surveillance Camera Grant	10,000.00				
**Early Warning Siren Grant	3,000.00				
**Fire	10,000.00				
**K-9	8,581.38				
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	20,897.85	0.87	0.00	20,898.72
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,739.23	211.42	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,801.84	0.08	0.00	1,801.92
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	27,576.00	54,343.16	80,474.27	1,444.89
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	2,864.89	196.96	0.00	3,061.85
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,262.80	0.47	0.00	11,263.27
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.29	0.03	0.00	613.32
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	39,019.03	21,055.47	23,063.02	37,011.48

Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	127,727.47	1,016.39	0.00	128,743.86
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	59,988.99	14,800.00	48,194.29	26,594.70
Total General Fund Balance					1,371,852.08
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	249,458.90	86,368.19	51,368.28	284,458.81
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	72,857.63	1,513.57	0.00	74,371.20
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	148,012.93	18.86	0.00	148,031.79
**Contingency		88,031.79			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					506,861.80
Total Borough funds					1,878,713.88

Respectfully Submitted:
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia asked Borough Manager Landy questions regarding the Medic 10 checking and savings accounts. Mr. Landy assured Mayor Lucia and all of Council that Medic 10 funds are used only for Medic 10 expenses and no funds are used to fund the borough. Mr. Landy said that all Medic 10 records are open to the public via the Right To Know Act and are audited yearly along with all borough funds.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to award the Frick Park & Frick Hospital Rain Garden Project to Jupina Landscaping in the amount of \$59,134.92. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Landy reported that this rain garden project will be the last phase of the Storm Water Retrofit Project Phase II. Mayor Lucia asked if there would be any grant funds available in the future to continue the rain garden project in the borough. Mr. Landy said that he has spoken to Mr. Mike Barrick of Jacob's Creek Water Shed and he believes that there are grant funds available and the Borough would have to apply separately for these funds.

President Bauer reported that there will be a "National Take Back Day" on Saturday April 27, 2013. This one-day effort will provide a united opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. Residents can visit www.dea.gov for a collection site near them. Mayor Lucia said that the collection site in the Borough is normally at the police station on Etze Avenue. People can remove unwanted or expired medicines from their medicine cabinets, put them in a bag and bring them to the police station to be disposed of.

President Bauer said he received information on a grant to replace trees. Councilwoman Bailey said that the deadline for the grant application is March 15, 2013.

President Bauer said he received information from PSAB regarding a course covering collaborative efforts for funding fire and EMS services. The nearest location is in Butler County on April 2, 2013 beginning at 8:30am until noon, and the cost is \$50 per person. President Bauer said it may be wise to send one or two people from the Borough.

President Bauer said he has received two applicants for the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. President Bauer said that interviews will be scheduled for these applicants and any current board members who would like to continue serving on the BDA.

President Bauer addressed an editorial in the newspaper where someone stated that he said he wants Angie's Restaurant to move out of the In Town Shops. President Bauer said that he never made that statement and he feels that all businesses in the Borough are valuable to the community. President Bauer said that he does feel that the BDA should do a better job of managing the In Town Shops.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Borough has received CDBG grant funds to construct the parklet at 100 Main Street at the site of the old Penn Theater. The amount of CDBG funds available is \$112,000 and the cost of the project will be approximately \$73,000 so there will be funds left over. Representatives from the County have said that the Borough will be able to apply for the remaining \$39,000 for other projects in the areas of the Borough where CDBG funds can be used. President Bauer said that the funds could be used to move the restrooms at

Willows Park to where they are more accessible. Councilman Tate said that the Borough may be able to use VoTech students to build the restroom. Council discussed other renovations that can be made to Willows Park.

Borough Manager Landy said that New Stanton Borough and Youngwood Borough have joined the G5 Conference making it the G7 Conference in 2013.

Borough Manager Landy said that there the monthly Safety Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow, February 19th. Members of the Safety Committee discuss how to make things safer for borough employees.

Mr. Landy talked about the fireworks fundraiser and said he has decided on having a Tomato Festival. The Tomato Festival was held at West Overton and it was successful. Mr. Landy feels that this festival could be combined with the last Concert In The Park on Labor Day weekend. The Borough would have to pay for the fireworks up front and then use the money from the fund raiser to reimburse the General Fund. Council agreed to move forward with the Tomato Festival.

Councilman McFeaters asked if any plan was in place yet to deal with employee reviews and disciplinary action. Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that her committee has come up with a plan and will discuss it at the next Executive Session.

President Bauer reported that on February 12, 2013 an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

President Bauer said that the Quarry Street Project is moving forward and Superintendent Stout will begin contacting homeowners by the end of this month. This project will begin in April or May 2013.

President Bauer said that he spoke with Superintendent Stout about all borough personnel wearing the proper protection when working in the pit and Mr. Stout said there has been no pit work for several months but will make sure proper safety procedures are followed.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that the Borough Street Department will concentrate on sealing and tar and chipping this year instead of a paving project.

Councilman Tate said he would like to see the large parking lot down at Willows Park tarred and chipped. Mr. Landy said that the Borough may be able to use CDBG funds for that.

Councilman Tate said that he and Borough Manager Landy are going to meet with Penn Dot regarding the maintenance on Main Street, Diamond Street and Church Street since those are state roads. The Borough receives funds from the state for winter maintenance, but it seems as if double maintenance is being done on those streets because our Street Department plows and salts them and then Penn Dot comes and does it again.

Veterans Park:

Councilman Tate said that next month he would like to make an announcement about the Veterans Park Video Wall to explain what the wall is about and to tell people where to get the application to have a veteran's name put on the wall. The wall should be installed and ready by Memorial Day 2013. President Bauer said that the dedication for the Video Wall could follow the Memorial Day ceremony.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Snyder read the following Fire Report for the month of January 2013:

Total Calls -- 38
In Town -- 8
Out of Town -- 30
10-45's -- 14
10-45's W/ Entrapment -- 1
Fires -- 9
Public Service Calls -- 7
AFA'S -- 5

Drills -- 1
Standby's -- 2
Turnpike Calls -- 2
Total Men Answering -- 555
Average Member Per Call -- 14
Total Man Hours -- 444

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Ordinance #637 establishing the amount of security that must be posted for certain gatherings and activities. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Ordinance #638 establishing the method by which compensation shall be set for the Mayor and Council Members. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Ordinance # 639 establishing lot and yard requirements in each Zoning District. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Ordinance #640 permitting use by the Borough of Parking Authority lots free of charge for Borough sponsored activities. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman McCloy said that Rob Govern, Medic 10 Director, said he will schedule a Medic 10 Board meeting each month before the regular council work session.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has received information on various grants and she will be looking at each one to see if the Borough qualifies for that particular grant.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman McFeaters reported that A1 Tree Service will start removing the trees from Frick Park approximately the beginning of April.

Finance & Human Resources:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski brought to Council's attention that taxes collected by the Borough in 2012 were \$515,129 and in 2013 the amount projected is \$509,417 due to exonerations.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that she would like each borough department head to be reminded of the purchase order process, particularly that a purchase order over the amount of \$300 is to be signed by Borough Manager Landy before the purchase is made.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to appoint Borough Manager Landy as voting delegate and Councilwoman Ruszkowski as alternate voting delegate to the MRM Property & Liability Trust. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy explained that MRM Property & Liability Trust is the Borough's liability insurance carrier. As a voting member of the trust the Borough is required to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the quote from AP Video, Belle Vernon PA, for surveillance cameras in the amount of \$8,840.00. The cameras will be paid for from DCED Grant funds. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the quote from Mark T. Funk, Scottdale PA, in the amount of \$1,400 to stabilize the chimney on the Municipal Building for safety purposes and to reinforce the chimney for installation of the emergency siren using funds from Line Item 409.25. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer asked about the progress of repairing or replacing the motor on the Town Clock. Mr. Landy said that the motor has been given to a company in Somerset who was feels that they may be able to repair it.

President Bauer asked Councilman Pritts if the camera for the police station has been purchased. Councilman Pritts replied that the cost is more than anticipated and he will meet with the Property Committee to discuss options. President Bauer said that the camera in the police station is necessary for insurance liability purposes.

Councilman Pritts reported that work on the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign should begin on February 23, 2013.

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A letter from Westmoreland County Commissioner Ted Kopas regarding a county resolution endorsing and supporting efforts to increase funding for transportation and encouraging the Governor and General Assembly to work together on a long-term solution for the betterment of Pennsylvania. Commissioner Kopas requested the Mount Pleasant Borough approves a similar resolution. Council was provided with a copy of a sample resolution and will discuss it at the next meeting.

President Bauer said he has received emails from citizens requesting that a letter from the Borough be sent supporting the effort to keep Pennsylvania State Liquor Stores from becoming private. President Bauer said that council members who wish to sign the letter may do so.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:07pm

Motions from February 18, 2013 Meeting

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