

Meeting March 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, Snyder and Councilwomen Bailey, Stevenson 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 March 4, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Mark Krystyniak, Howard Hanna Real Estate, Mount Pleasant PA spoke to Council representing Mr. Don Cramer who is selling his property on Depot Street and Mr. Jim Komerinski, JKR Prolift Forklift Company who will be purchasing the property. In order for the sale to proceed Mr. Krystyniak needs to know what the property is zoned. He also needs to know if the new owner will be included in the verbal agreement allowing Mr. Cramer to get deliveries from companies with overweight vehicles using Kennedy Avenue.

Mr. Komerinski explained to Council that he would get trucks hauling forklifts a couple of times each week and would like permission to exceed the weight limit for these deliveries. President Bauer said that Council is working now to make this happen so that Mr. Komerinski can operate his business. Mr. Krystyniak said he would like a letter from Council designating the zoning of the property and permission for overweight deliveries. President Bauer stated that there is a motion on tonight's agenda to allow overweight vehicles to make deliveries on Kennedy Avenue.

Speakers:

Rob Fabrizi and August Oblak from Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center, presented Council with a podium they made that will be used at the Gazebo for various functions. President Bauer and Council thanked Mr. Fabrizi and Mr. Oblak for the podium and said it will be put to good use for ceremonies at the Gazebo.

President Bauer gave the floor over to Councilman McFeaters.

Councilman McFeaters read a letter of resignation stating that he must resign from council because he has purchased a new home and will be living outside the Borough. Mr. McFeaters said that he plans to stay involved in the community.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept Councilman McFeaters resignation. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that he and members of council as well as Borough Manager Landy and representatives from the Mount Pleasant Area School District attended the Norwin Reality Tour. There will be a meeting of the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour on Thursday April 11, 2013 at Rumbaugh Elementary School at 6:30pm. Mayor Lucia said that anyone who wants to volunteer to participate in the Reality Tour should contact the borough office.

Mayor Lucia said that the police have been doing speed control throughout the Borough. Speed is a concern in the Borough as well as stop signs. It is a matter of police enforcement.

Dan Slezak, Spoked Wheelz, Mount Pleasant spoke about the problem in Union Alley behind his business. The alley is collapsing and he believes it is affecting his sewer line. Mr. Slezak said that he understands that the sewer line to his property is his responsibility, but feels that if the line is being damaged by the alley caving in that the Borough holds some responsibility because he cannot control the condition of the alley. Norm Stout Superintendent of WWT said that there is an ongoing problem with the storm water going into the sanitary sewer and Mr. Slezak was informed that it must be corrected immediately. As of last week the situation was not resolved. As far as the alley collapsing, Mr. Stout said that the sewer line to Mr. Slezak's business is the old terracotta and if the joint in this pipe was leaking that may be the reason that the alley is collapsing. The situation can be looked at both ways and Council must make a decision if the Borough will accept responsibility. In the past, property owners have been held responsible for their lines.

Mr. Slezak said that he apologizes that the storm water problem has not been fixed a year later, but he has limited resources and time. The reason he has not come to Council about the sewer line until now is because he has had a

plumber snake the line when there is a backup. The plumber has discussed how to fix the problem and it is not a big ordeal. Mr. Slezak said that he can easily get it fixed. Mr. Slezak stated that he does not own the property, and he feels certain that the reason he is having a problem with his sewer line is because the alley is collapsing due to traffic patterns. Mr. Slezak said that the pipe is about two feet down and it is assumed that it is broken right at the elbow so it would not be a major excavation. President Bauer said that he would not like to see a precedent set where the Borough is fixing homeowners sewer lines with taxpayer's money. President Bauer said that Council will look at the situation and get back to Mr. Slezak.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Landy said that Solicitor Wolfe is still working on the sales agreement with the owner of CG Wraps and an ordinance about County inspecting our parking meters.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report

Feb-13

		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	53,080.00	125,486.00	128,566.00	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	664,687.88	36,271.92	80,451.78	620,508.02
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,347.50	3.33	0.00	43,350.83
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,350.83				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	370,852.04	42.68	0.00	370,894.72
**Police	60,000.00				
**Streets	80,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	62,701.51				
**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	20,898.72	0.24	19,128.67	1,770.29
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,801.92	0.07	0.00	1,801.99
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,444.89	56,107.39	56,593.25	959.03
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	3,061.85	50.00	0.00	3,111.85
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,263.27	0.15	0.00	11,263.42
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.32	0.02	0.00	613.34
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	37,011.48	37,022.34	30,566.83	43,466.99
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	128,743.86	1,014.94	0.00	129,758.80
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	26,594.70	0.00	23,717.66	2,877.04
Total General Fund Balance					1,288,826.97
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	284,458.81	38,220.57	46,987.60	275,691.78
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	74,371.20	1,512.76	0.00	75,883.96
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	148,031.79	17.03	0.00	148,048.82
**Contingency	88,048.82				
**Infrastructure	60,000.00				
Total WWT Balance					499,624.56
Total Borough funds					1,788,451.53

Respectfully Submitted:
 Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
 Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Lucia said that Medic 10 is doing better every year since the Borough has taken over the financial recording and reporting. President Bauer said the reason Medic 10 was looked at in the first place is because citizens were complaining about how long it took to get an ambulance. It was becoming a liability to the Borough. President Bauer stated that if rumors continue to circulate it may be necessary to reveal the results of the investigation and how much money was paid to individuals as incentive and the sale of furniture money. The present Medic 10 personnel are doing a terrific job and are moving forward.

Presidents Report:

President Bauer said that the Reality Tour is moving forward and is a necessary program for the Borough. The drug problem is not going away and this program can help. President Bauer said it will take a commitment from Council to make it work.

President Bauer said that according to the Borough Code Council has 30 days to fill the council position vacated by Kevin McFeaters and there are advertising deadlines to be met.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise for a 1st ward councilperson to replace Kevin McFeaters. Letters of intent must be received by 4:00pm April 1, 2013 and interviews will be conducted at 5:30 April 1, 2013 before the regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

President Bauer said that as soon as the historical clearance from the county comes back demolition of 100 Main Street will begin. The bid for demolition has already been awarded. After the building has been demolished construction of the parklet and parking lot will begin. Council made a commitment to start developing the east end of Main Street and this is a start.

President Bauer said that several people are interested in serving on the BDA. He would like to interview the candidates. Council agreed to interview individuals for appointment to the BDA on Monday April 15, 2014 at 6:00pm. Mr. Landy said that there are four openings to be filled. Mayor Lucia said that he would like to see the roll call for BDA meetings to determine if board members are active.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the Solicitor of the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission, Attorney Randy Klimchok is looking into the correction our map.

Mr. Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia took the motor for the Town Clock to Mr. Jim Sebek who has a friend who found a company in Chicago who manufactures the motor and may have one we can use as a replacement. There is also a company in California who said that if we cannot find a replacement they will fix the one we have at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

Mr. Landy said that there is a grant to stabilize more of Shupes Run which is in the process. We will be able to accomplish more than the grant called for because Jacobs Creek Watershed has some extra money.

Mr. Landy said that next Wednesday there will be pictures of the new Video Wall that will show people what this video wall will look like. The applications for the wall are available in the borough office for anyone who wants a veteran included. The dedication of the Video Wall will be held on Sunday, the day before Memorial Day 2013 around dusk. The contractor is starting on the footer for the wall that will be situated next to the tablets.

Borough Manager Landy said that a monthly Safety Committee meeting was held to review any accidents or workers compensation filings for the month and to go over any safety concerns. At this meeting the committee decided to take a tour of all borough facilities and make recommendations on any safety concerns.

Mr. Landy reported that surveillance cameras have been installed in borough parks. There are two at Willows Park and one at the Soccer Field. There are some wiring issues to work on before they are operational.

Mr. Landy said that the lamp post with the three lights on it has been repaired and offers more light at Willows and trees have been removed on the Clay Avenue side of the park. The Mount Pleasant Street Department is in the process of making the parking lot at Willows bigger and painting lines.

Borough Manager Landy reminded Council that the G7 Conference will be held April 18, 19 and 20 and Mount Pleasant will be presenting Crime Control and Relationships with the State Police.

Mr. Landy said that Honeywell did a study and could not come up with too many ways to save money on electricity because we are already doing a good job cutting costs, but they did come up with ways to improve electric consumption in regards to lighting. Honeywell asked if they could be considered a service provider so that it wouldn't have to go out to bid. Mr. Landy said he spoke with Solicitor Wolfe and was told that the bid process would have to be followed.

Mr. Landy said that the borough office will have to know today who will be attending the Annual Rotary Citizen of the Year Banquet and the Annual Boroughs Association Banquet.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

WWT Superintendent Norman Stout said that he has spoken to all of the residents on Quarry Street that will be affected by the proposed project and all of the materials for the project have been ordered. Once the weather breaks the project will start.

Streets Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy that the business occupying the parcel identified as Cramer Welding, Map # 21-01-16-0-029 be permitted to exceed the posted 15 ton weight limit on JF Kennedy Avenue solely for the purpose of local business deliveries to the property; provided, however, that the business owner and the owner or operator of any overweight vehicle shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage resulting from such overweight vehicles. Motion seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to purchase lettering for the new police vehicle from Feje Signs for a cost up to \$600.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Snyder said that in order to install the new radio on the police car the department will have to purchase a coax cable at a cost of \$60 - \$80.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to advertise for offers for the sale of the 1996 Jeep Cherokee Police Vehicle. Offers must be received by 4:00pm April 1, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Snyder said that the police are compiling a list of equipment from the police department that can be sold. President Bauer said that the Borough should check and see if all of the equipment can be legally sold.

Council discussed the purchase of a used K-9 vehicle, what color should it be painted and the cost of the paint job. Patrolman Grippo said he received a quote of \$2,500 to paint a vehicle and he will not have enough money in the fund.

Councilman Snyder said he has received numerous offers from people interested in volunteering for the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Snyder said that each of the three full-time Mount Pleasant police officers must wear a bullet proof vest and they have been ordered. Councilman Snyder said that John Peck at the District Attorney's Office will give grant money for the purchase of these vests and asked Councilwoman Bailey and Borough Manager Landy if they would look into it.

Veterans Park: None

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she applied for a grant for money to purchase trees to replace the ones being removed from Frick Park from UPS Keep American Beautiful. The grant application had to go through Westmoreland Cleanways because they are certified. A discussion ensued regarding what kind of trees to plant.

Finance & Human Resources:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$73,148.19 from General Fund PNC Account to General Fund Budgetary Reserve Account at Standard Bank to the following line items:
\$5,000.00 - Police

\$10,000.00 - Streets
\$40,000.00 - Contingency Fund
\$10,000.00 - Infrastructure
\$5,000.00 - Fire
\$3,148.19 - K-9

Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$20,000.00 from WWT Standard Bank Operational Account to WWT Budgetary Reserve Account at Standard Bank to the following line items: \$20,000.00 - Contingency.

Property Report: None

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

President Bauer said that the Mount Pleasant VFW will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23, 2013 from noon to one o'clock at the Freedom of Speech Area. The Easter Bunny will be there and all children twelve and under are welcome. The Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 24, 2013 beginning at 2pm at the Central Fire Station on Church Street and the Easter Bunny will be there also.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough is working on a new map and Council will be able to see a proof before it is printed. If anyone has anything to add or change please let the office know.

Mr. Landy asked everyone to look at the Mount Pleasant web site. Laura Bruner, the intern from WCCC has been working to improve it and any feedback would be welcome. Laura will be at the April 1, 2013 meeting.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Motions from March 18, 2013 Meeting

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