

Meeting March 21, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:09pm 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. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, McCloy, Pritts, Tabita, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 7, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

President Bauer said that Mayor Lucia asked him to remind residents to clean up their properties for spring. Also, if anyone hears of any scams in the Borough they should call the Mount Pleasant Police Department and report it.

President Bauer reminded everyone that Friday evening March 25th the Borough will be holding a Night at the Races fundraiser for the July 3rd Celebration.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2011:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Feb-11			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2011
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	140,673.37	140,673.37	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	569,488.71	47,418.92	41,459.11	575,448.52
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,099.02	12.10	0.00	63,111.12
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	23,111.12				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	230,864.95	98.69	0.00	230,963.64
**Police	40,000.00				
**Streets	40,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	59,007.99				
**Infrastructure	50,000.00				
**BOMP1 Recreation Fund	7,000.00				
**Frick Park Recreation Fund	9,964.00				
**Levin Monument/Recreation	10,000.00				
**Surveillance Cameras	9,000.00				
**K-9	5,991.65				
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	51,551.01	1.14	20,230.26	31,321.89
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.12	0.07	0.00	1,800.19
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,363.58	52,044.72	52,326.35	1,081.95
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	5,082.40	460.00	0.00	5,542.40
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,256.58	0.35	0.00	11,256.93
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.70	0.03	0.00	612.73
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643		46,603.44	5.00	46,598.44

Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	15,158.91	68,521.15		83,680.06
Storm Water Retrofit Phase I	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	1,992.51	9,948.00	10,992.51	948.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	63,066.66	0.00	0.00	63,066.66
Total General Fund Balance					1,172,022.26
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	232,767.82	134,142.72	39,590.12	327,320.42
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	37,984.56	16.24	0.00	38,000.80
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	128,653.31	55.00	0.00	128,708.31
**Contingency		88,653.31			
**Infrastructure		40,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					494,029.53
Total Borough funds					1,666,051.79

Respectfully Submitted:
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

Borough Manager Landy said that Liquid Fuels money should be deposited sometime in the next couple of weeks and we can look at paving.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer said that an Executive Session was held at 6:00pm before this regular meeting to discuss personnel.

President Bauer said he attended the G5 Conference and he feels it was even more of a success this year than last. He feels there was a lot more interaction this year. President Bauer said he would like to see the meeting of council members last longer next year because there was still more to be discussed.

President Bauer reported that the Borough was awarded four more DCED Grants. \$10,000 for surveillance cameras, \$10,000 for a wood-chipper, \$5,000 for an early warning siren and \$5,000 for wiring for holiday decorations.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said he appreciates Council's support of the G5 Conference. Ligonier, Greensburg and New Stanton have already expressed interest in being a part of next year's conference. Mr. Landy said that this year there was discussion of forming a consortium for purchasing. That may be something to look into in the future.

Mr. Landy said he received a request from Mount Pleasant Windows on Main Street to be able to put cones out to save parking spaces for their delivery trucks. It would be on Thursdays from 8am to 9am and on Fridays from 8am to 9am and 1pm to 2pm. There are no meters on that section of Main Street. Council agreed to give Mount Pleasant Windows permission to do put cones out during the requested times.

Mr. Landy said that at an earlier meeting Ed Howley from B.I.U. offered Council options on how to handle rental inspections. He would like an answer from Council on which options we want to go with.

Mount Pleasant Rotary will be holding the 2011 Citizen of the Year Banquet at McCali Manor on April 3rd. This year's Citizen of the Year will be Nino Barsotti. Tickets to the banquet are \$30 each. Council agreed to pay for council member's tickets.

Mr. Landy said that there have been some property reassessments in the Borough resulting in lower tax income. This has been happening for the last three years and income for the Borough is dropping. Tax Collector Carol Yancosky said taxes are going to continue to drop and she doesn't see a possibility for increase since there is no room for expansion.

Mr. Landy asked Council to approve a memo he would like to give to the supervisors of WWT, the Street Department and Police Department regarding keeping costs down in 2011 including gasoline.

Mr. Landy gave Council a copy of the newspaper article that posted populations from the 2010 Census. The population of Mount Pleasant Borough has decreased.

Waste Water Treatment Report: None

Streets Report:

Council discussed the work being done at Jack Bobbø Park. Councilman Tate said that he feels it would be less expensive to use cement on the walkway and other areas instead of asphalt.

Council discussed requesting bids for a 2011 paving project and the money available to do the project. Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough has a CDBG grant for \$41,000 and the rest of the cost would have to come from Liquid Fuels. Councilman Tate said that alleys would not have to be included in the bid request because the Street Department can tar and chip the alleys.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of advertising for paving bids. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to advertise for bids to pave portions of Center Avenue, Depot Street, East Vine Street and Yoder Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

Executive Session 7:37pm to 8:15pm.

President Bauer said that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to add the following volunteers to the Medic 10 roster: Sean Santore, Sean Penzera and Jim Taylor. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to add the following to Medic 10's paid staff: Ryan King, Trey Rechenberg and Parker Foster. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to approve Medic 10 Manager Al Dawson, Assistant Manager Rob Govern and Secretary Brittany Piper. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to send a letter to Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety authorizing Al Dawson as Service Chief to make changes to Medic 10 response area. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to authorize a Board of Directors in charge of administration of Medic 10 to consist of three members of the Mount Pleasant Public Safety Committee, three members from Medic 10 staff and the Mayor of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

Zoning and Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he received correspondence from B.I.U. laying out proposal options for Rental Property Inspection Fees.

- Option 1: 100% of fees collected go to BIU. All fees are collected by BIU. All letters and correspondence generated by BIU Regional Office. Monthly reports sent to Mount Pleasant Borough.
- Option 2: 90% of fees collected go to BIU. All fees are collected by Mount Pleasant Borough. BIU will bill Borough once a month. All letters and correspondence generated at the BIU Regional Office. Monthly reports sent to Borough.
- Option 3: 80% of fees collected go to BIU. All fees are collected by Borough. BIU will bill Borough once a month. All letters generated by Borough, all correspondence there after handled by BIU Regional Office. Monthly reports sent to Borough.

Council discussed a date for the Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale. Councilman McCloy proposed June 11, 2011.

President Bauer said Council has to determine who is going to enforce borough ordinances, including the Sign Ordinance. President Bauer said he would like a decision by the next council meeting.

Borough Manager Landy said we have received two sign applications that will be involved in the BDA Sign Grant program.

Community and Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said he does not believe there will be any state funding for The Frick Communities. The Borough will have to change its focus and decide how to fund the project without state funds.

Councilman Tabita said that in the past the Borough had park supervisors and he feels it would be beneficial to re-institute that program for the summer of 2011.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said he would like the Borough to fund the Video Wall at Veterans Park. He feels that people will respond better if they can see the video wall in place. Councilman Tabita said that the Borough has \$15,000 budgeted for Park Improvements and he has possible donations totaling approximately \$10,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for a motion to fund Veterans Park Video Wall. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to transfer \$50,000 from Budgetary Reserve to Veterans Park account to purchase a video wall for Veterans Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

Parks and Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to pay Silvis a down payment in the amount of \$1,049.02 to begin work on the Levin Monument at Willows Park. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Crivella said he provided Council with a list of citizens who would like to be on the Proposed Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. If Council approves, these people could be appointed at the next meeting.

Councilman Crivella said he will contact the local colleges to see if they would have any interns available that we could use for a parks program this summer.

Councilman Crivella said he would like the Parks and Recreation Committee to have a meeting to walk through the parks to see how they fared over the winter.

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to ratify the transfer of \$33,655 from General Fund to Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve for the following Line Items:

- K-9 Unit \$5,991.65
- Frick Park Recreation Fund \$7,464.00
- Surveillance Cameras \$9,000.00
- Levin Monument/Recreation \$10,000.00
- Contingency Fund \$1,499.35

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$105,000 from General Fund to Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve for the following line items:

- Police \$10,000.00
- Streets \$30,000.00
- Contingency Fund \$30,000.00
- Fire \$5,000.00
- Infrastructure \$30,000.00

Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made to transfer \$50,000 from WWT Standard Bank account to WWT Standard Bank Budgetary Reserve Account for the following line items:

- Contingency \$40,000.00
- Infrastructure \$10,000.00

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said he has not yet received any quotes for the surveillance cameras. Councilman Pritts said that specs may have to be revised to include a larger video recorder.

President Bauer said that the welcome sign at the west end of town needs to be completed by Memorial Day or June 1st. The volunteers are not able to get it done in that time frame. President Bauer said he will talk to some people he knows in the construction business who may be able to help.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said she is waiting to hear from Councilman Tate and President Bauer regarding the time for a meeting with Allied Waste.

Councilwoman Stevenson said she received confirmation of a letter from the State Liquor Stores saying that they signed an agreement with Waste Management to pick up their garbage. Borough Manager Landy said that the State Liquor Store in Mount Pleasant needs to inform their state office that the Borough of Mount Pleasant has a contract with Allied Waste for all garbage pickup in the Borough.

New Business:

Councilman Pritts said he received a request from Mercedes Pushkar to put a stop sign in the alley behind Independence Apartments on the corner of her lot coming from Morewood Street. President Bauer said the stop sign may have to be mounted on the building.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to accept the \$20,000 settlement from Command Fire Apparatus for the claim filed by the Mount Pleasant VFD for the aerial fire truck purchased from them. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Reading of Communications: None

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:47pm

Motions from March 21, 2011 Meeting

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