

June 21, 2010

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:04pm 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, McCloy, Tabita, Tate, and Councilwoman Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and the Solicitor from Tucker Arensberg was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 7, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment:

Gerald Keener 143 N Diamond Street Mount Pleasant PA complained to Council about a tree growing over both lanes of Laurel Street behind his property. The tree is so low that a car can't pass underneath it without branches scraping the top. Also, there is a dead tree leaning against this tree which will cause it to eventually fall into the street. Mr. Keener said that it is a safety hazard. A fire truck or ambulance could not get through as it is now. Mayor Lucia said that the property owner has been cited and was given until the end of the month to remove the collapsed garage and the overhanging trees. Councilman Tate said he will ask Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza to remove the overhanging limbs until the property owner can remove the trees.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that the Police Department has been clamping down on speeding in the Borough and has been issuing numerous citations in an effort to slow down motorists. Councilman Tate said that people are still parking in front of Cunningham's Hardware Store on Main Street where the meter was removed for safety reasons. Our police officers are going to have to start ticketing those vehicles.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurers Report for the month of May 2010:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report:		May-10			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance May10
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,397.00	317,503.21	318,900.21	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	664,863.46	218,168.39	89,278.03	793,753.82
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	69,862.10	18.76	0.00	69,880.86
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		10,000.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		19,880.86			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	195,691.45	166.27	0.00	195,857.72
**Police		40,000.00			
**Streets		40,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		56,357.72			
**Infrastructure		50,000.00			
**BOMP1 Recreation Fund		7,000.00			
**Frick Park Recreation Fund		2,500.00			
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	105,452.39	3.69	10,736.82	94,719.26
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,729.90	9.33	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,798.80	0.22	0.00	1,799.02
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,488.66	63,908.85	63,869.81	1,527.70
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	5,499.13	0.00	0.00	5,499.13
Veterans Park PLGIT	PLGIT 5698025	11,252.29	0.41	0.00	11,252.70
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.25	0.08	0.00	612.33

Storm Water Retrofit Phase 1	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	14,482.01	0.00	0.00	14,482.01
Total General Fund Balance					1,245,974.28
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	178,048.04	129,712.34	54,083.32	253,677.06
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	22,758.42	19.34	0.00	22,777.76
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	127,864.44	108.64	0.00	127,973.08
**Contingency		87,759.39			
**Infrastructure		40,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					404,427.90
Total Borough funds					1,650,402.18

Respectfully Submitted:
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Borough Manager Jeff Landy

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

President’s Report:

President Bauer said that the Concert In The Park went very well last night and the fire truck rides were a big hit. The Firemen’s Fair begins today and President Bauer asked the citizens of the Borough to support the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department by coming out to the fair.

President Bauer said that Council should consider hiring a part-time person in the office in 2011. President Bauer said that he feels Council should also look into hiring a part-time Code Enforcement Officer for Property Maintenance Code violations. President Bauer asked Councilman McCloy to call other communities to see how many hours a week they have a Code Enforcement Officer and how much it costs them. Councilman Tabita and Councilman Tate said that maybe we should put one of our part-time police officers on code enforcement. A discussion ensued regarding what would be the best way to go.

Borough Managers Report:

Mr. Landy made the following report:

- The workers from the P.I.C. Program started today 7/21/10. WWT has one worker and the Street Department has one worker and Recreation has one worker. The program is for the summer.
- Mr. Landy met with LuAnn from the BDA regarding clarification of what the Borough is responsible for and what the BDA has to do on their own including insurance.
- Mr. Landy said that he has provided Council with the login information to view the surveillance camera at Veterans Park.
- Phase I of the Storm Water Retrofit Project is complete except for some items that need to be addressed by W.G. Land Co. One issue is that the mulch is washing out of the rain gardens and they have a solution to the problem.
- Mr. Landy, Mayor Lucia and Bob Regola from McCormick Taylor Engineering met with the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority to discuss removing the rails around Memorial Square and replacing them with lighted bollards. The Redevelopment Authority feels that the Borough should apply for funding for this project.
- The Borough can go forward with the bidding process for the 2010 CDBG Projects, which were Jack Bobb’s Park and paving of Center Avenue. We will be working with our engineers McCormick & Taylor on Jack Bobb’s Park.
- Mr. Landy attended the Judicial Sale for the DiNicola property at the Westmoreland County Courthouse and purchased the property for the Borough in the amount of \$3,100.
- As part of the Borough commitment to the Storm Water Retrofit Project we need to acknowledge the funding from the EPA. When we erect the new Municipal Building sign we will include a sign at the bottom acknowledging the EPA funding and a sign in the Levin parking lot. There will also have to be signs put up at Ramsey Terrace for Phase II. These signs would be permanent.
- Mr. Landy looked at some of the older equipment at the Street Department and got two quotes for the sale of the old tar buggy and roller. Donegal Construction offered \$1,500 for both and Perryopolis Township offered \$800 for both.

- Mr. Landy received a letter from the BDA regarding speeding on Main Street and Pedestrian Crosswalks. They would like the speed limit enforced to ensure public safety and they would like the crosswalks to be painted so that they are more visible.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to allow the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Mount Pleasant use of the Command Trailer for the 2010 Relay For Life at the Regional Family YMCA in Mount Pleasant on July 24th and 25th. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek said that Jane Altman, McCali Manor has requested more time to remove the temporary ramp at her property on Main Street. Mr. Landy said that Ms. Altman is aware that the current ramp does not leave the required 6 feet of sidewalk. Council agreed to get the opinion of the building inspectors and then write Ms. Altman a letter giving her 30 days to remove the temporary ramp and to restore the sidewalk.

Mayor Lucia said he would like Mr. Landy to send a letter the MAWC about water pressure problems at the hydrant on Yoder Avenue. Councilman Tabita said that water pressure to properties on Eagle Street is still low and is afraid that pressure to the hydrants is low also. This should be included in the letter.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he got samples of different brackets that can be used for signs attached to businesses on Main Street. Councilman Tabita said that Kathy Edwards, a representative from the Progress Fund, would like to attend council's next work session to present recommendations on overhanging signs. A discussion ensued regarding sandwich board signs and where they should be placed.

Streets and Recreation Report:

Councilman Tate said that Street Supervisor Fontanazza gave Council a priority list of street that need paved and sealed. Borough Manager Landy said that there is CDBG Grant money to pave Center Avenue. We have to put it out for bid. We can call Penn Dot Municipal Services to write the bid specs or we can use McCormick Taylor Engineers. Mr. Landy said that we can bid the Center Avenue paving for March of 2011 and still use the CDBG monies.

Councilman Tate said he received complaints that Satcho Park is in bad shape but when he and Mr. Landy looked at the park they felt that it was in pretty good shape. When they asked the neighbors what improvements could be made they said that a few shade trees would help or perhaps a pavilion and they would like the sliding board replaced. Mr. Krystyniak agreed to maintain the park when it was named John. E. Satcho Playground. He said that if we give him a list of things to be done he will raise the money to do them. Councilman Bauer said we should look into putting a light in the middle of the park.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tabita said he received a sketch from Architect Jim Gayton for expanding Veterans Park and we have one from R. K. Shumaker Memorials. The proposed expansion would accommodate approximately 1,100 names.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that after looking into it further she decided not to send the application to First Energy for an audit because we couldn't get a firm price for the audit and Key Tex Energy did an audit earlier this year and we went them as an electrical supplier.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the proposal from Higbee Insurance for VFD insurance for 7/1/10 to 7/1/11 in the amount of \$19,494. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay \$11,615.10 delinquent taxes for the Gormley building from the General Fund Budgetary Reserve Account Contingency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

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Councilman Bauer said that Council should approach Mark Krystyniak about purchasing the empty property next to the DiNicola property. Councilman Tabita said that Mr. Krystyniak has money invested in the property. Council agreed that we should approach him and see what he wants for the property.

Property Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that the owners of the Bryce Mansion that was destroyed by fire have donated the salvaged brick to the Borough that can be used for Welcome To Mount Pleasant signs. President Bauer said that we still need a design for the signs. Borough Manager Landy said he will approach Architect Jim Gayton to donate a design.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

Community and Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said he received a request for approval of a liquor license transfer. Councilman Tabita said that a letter received from Attorney Bononi stating that a public hearing must be held for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing within the municipality relative to his client's application.

Mr. Joseph Minyon who is requesting the liquor license transfer spoke to Council regarding the history of his purchase of the property in the Borough. He is interested in opening a family oriented beer and barbeque place perhaps featuring Pennsylvania wines.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to advertise for a public meeting at 6:30pm July 6, 2010 prior to the council meeting to discuss the Transfer of a Liquor License owed by Carson's Place, LLC 1900 Leishman Avenue, Arnold, PA to Joseph Minyon to conduct business at 200 W Main Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Tabita said he met with Kathy Edwards from the Progress Fund regarding improvements to the Coal & Coke Bike Trail and signage. Councilman Tabita said our Solicitor has to contact Mr. George Church, Westmoreland County regarding the railroad right of way so that the trail can be continued to Main Street. Councilman Tabita discussed various options to expand the trail.

Councilman Tabita said that The Progress Fund may be of assistance to The Frick Communities as well. Scottdale Borough has committed financial support for The Frick Communities which means the organization may be moving forward by the fourth quarter of 2010.

Councilman Tabita presented options for a comprehensive plan. One option is to go with a completed plan from Mullin & Lonergan or a company called Mackin. McCormick Taylor Engineers has also expressed an interest in working with the Borough on a plan. Councilman Tabita said he would like to ask the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority to fund the infrastructure part of the plan.

Councilman Tabita said the Borough purchased 50 Mount Pleasant videos that we can sell for \$3.00 each. Councilman Tabita said he would like to see real estate companies purchase them as a sales pitch as well as local business looking to recruit employees to the area.

New Business:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky said that in 2003 Council passed an ordinance requiring tax certification and sewage certification letters for any property sold in the Borough. When a tax certification letter is requested Ms. Yancosky will know the name of the new owner so that the next tax statement is sent to the new homeowner. There are some sales going through in the Borough without a tax certification letter. Mr. Landy suggested that the sewage certification letter not be mailed until a request for a tax certification is received.

Councilman Tate said that some properties are being sold within the Borough without getting a sewage certification either. Some are sales that do not go through a realtor. Mr. Landy said that Greensburg does not allow any property to be sold until it is inspected and up to code.

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 McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:53pm

Motions from June 21, 2010 Meeting

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