

Meeting July 18, 2011

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. Councilmen Beranek, McCloy, Pritts, Tabita, Tate and Councilwomen Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 5, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Mr. Aqeel Syed, owner of the Valero Gas Station in Mount Pleasant, spoke to Council regarding mandated full-service in the Borough. Mr. Syed feels that the amount of gasoline sales to senior citizens does not warrant the need for full-service 7 days a week. He would like Council to modify the requirement to two days per week. They are unable to make any profit after paying the second person required to maintain full-service 7 days a week.

Megan Farzati, Norvelt, PA addressed Council about a 5K Run/Walk sometime in October or November 2011. Different routes were discussed. Councilman Pritts said he would provide Megan with a map of the route the Knights of Columbus used in the Borough.

Speakers:

Lt. Gary Schuler, Staff Section Commander, Pennsylvania State Police Troop A Headquarters, Greensburg, PA talked to Council about assisting the Mount Pleasant Police Department. The State Police responded to the Borough 29 times in two years. They need to come to the Borough when there is no Mount Pleasant policeman available, when the Mount Pleasant Police request their assistance or when a state trooper is driving through the area and witnesses an incident. Lt. Schuler assured Council that if the Mount Pleasant Police require their assistance, all of their resources will be made available. Lt. Schuler said that the Mount Pleasant Police Department is doing a very good job, which is reflected in the low number of assists from the State Police.

Ms. Colleen Konezny, PA Barn Quilts showed Council a design for the proposed sign in the old PNC drive-thru lot. The proposed sign is double-sided, 10 feet wide and 11 feet high and is steel and aluminum. Ms Konezny also spoke briefly about historical markers.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to authorize a sign by PA Barn Quilt. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

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Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia spoke about a Wounded Warrior Project Walk/Motorcycle Run. This is a high school senior project by Brandon Miller. A very large turnout is expected for this even on July 30th. The motorcycle run sign-ups begin at 11am and starts at 12 noon. The walk sign-ups start at 2pm and starts at 2:30pm. There will be a parade at 5pm and a dance at the VFW from 7pm to 10pm. The cost is \$20 and includes t-shirt, food, drinks and music). All proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the Wounded Warrior Project Walk/Motorcycle Run and close the appropriate streets for July 30, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report

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		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2011
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,329.00	231,389.95	231,718.95	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	868,393.19	68,027.15	148,835.94	787,584.40

General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,148.30	10.38	0.00	63,158.68
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	23,158.68				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	320,019.07	105.22	0.00	320,124.29
**Police	50,000.00				
**Streets	70,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	73,168.64				
**Infrastructure	80,000.00				
**BOMP1 Recreation Fund	7,000.00				
**Frick Park Recreation Fund	9,964.00				
**Levins	10,000.00				
**Surveillance Cameras	9,000.00				
**Fire	5,000.00				
**K-9	5,991.65				
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	114,986.51	2.55	9,570.48	105,418.58
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.41	0.08	0.00	1,800.49
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	960.80	51,884.46	52,033.26	812.00
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	5,712.40	0.00	0.00	5,712.40
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,258.00	0.27	0.00	11,258.27
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.80	0.03	0.00	612.83
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	65,657.59	30,505.34	37,586.47	58,576.46
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	94,322.82	31.01	0.00	94,353.83
Storm Water Retrofit Phase I	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	948.00	0.00	0.00	948.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	61,099.79	0.00	440.00	60,659.79
K-9 Unit	PNC Bank 10-3388-5954	0.00	1,496.90		1,496.90
Total General Fund Balance					1,569,106.65
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	284,070.62	32,186.54	48,160.23	268,096.93
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	44,066.07	1,518.92	0.00	45,584.99
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	178,900.55	58.82	0.00	178,959.37
**Contingency	128,900.55				
**Infrastructure	50,000.00				
Total WWT Balance					492,641.29
Total Borough funds					2,061,747.94

Respectfully Submitted:
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer said that the preliminary contract for the Street Department workers is due August 1, 2010.

President Bauer said that he would like to see quotes for the Welcome To Mount Pleasant sign soon.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- The borough office ordered the new MP3 Player that will be used to record the council meetings and the Mount Pleasant Up Close radio show.
- Mr. Landy will meet with John Sarp next week to review the Medic 10 financial report that was requested by the Board of Directors.
- An email needs to be sent to PMRS, the borough's pension administrators specifying that all excess interest in the Police Pension be divided amount the full-time police officers and the PMRS contract should be amended to permit this.
- The Youth Group from the Church Of God has been cutting the grass at five properties in the Borough and Mr. Landy ordered t-shirts for the participants of the group.
- No one participated in the free lunch program at Frick Park today and the organizers would like the newspapers to run another article to make the public more aware that the program is ongoing.
- Council has a copy of the Gas Revenue Report and the trend shows the price going down which is based on the market price.

- The exit conference on the audit of the pension plans will be Wednesday July 20, 2011 at 2:00pm.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that there is a sewer line running through the creek near the Little League field at Willows Park and the storm water pipes under this line collapsed. WWT personnel are fixing the problem and making the area more presentable.

Councilman Tate said that he made an amendment to the Employee Handbook that allows WWT personnel to cut the grass on the bank at the plant as long as they use the proper equipment.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that he has made a list of alleys that need tarred and chipped. Mount Pleasant Township said they would be willing to do the work for us. Mr. Landy said that if the Township can tar and chip the alleys in one day they would charge us \$9,700. Councilman Tate said that Bobcat Alley was removed from the list of alleys to be tarred and chipped because the School District paved part of the alley and will pay to have the rest paved if we reimburse them for the extra.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to reimburse the School District for paving the Borough portion of Bobcat Alley. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to reimburse the Mount Pleasant Area School District \$7,850 to pave the Borough portion of Bobcat Alley. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

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Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek said that he will not be making the motion on the agenda to add two people to the Medic 10 roster because it must go before the Medic 10 Board of Directors first.

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for June 2011:

Total Calls	46
In Town	12
Out of Town	34
10-45's	11
10-45's W/Entrapment	1
Fires	17
AFA's	10
Public Service	5
Stand-By's	1
Turnpike	5
Hazardous Calls	1
Total Men Answering	643
Ave. Member Per Cal	14
Total Hours	494

Council discussed trees at a property in Uhrin Alley in Mount Pleasant and who is responsible for removing them and a paper alley off of First Street that is overgrown.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he received assistance from Officer Grippo on a problem with a dog this week. Also there is a property in the Borough that was destroyed by fire and the swimming pool is still standing and causing a mosquito hazard. Councilman McCloy said he will meet with Officer Grippo to see what can be done.

Borough Manager Landy said that Attorney Randy Klimchock, Solicitor for the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission, stopped to see him regarding the fee we charge for subdividing in the Borough. Our fee is \$15. Mr. Landy said he called Keystate Publishing to see what other boroughs charge.

Community and Economic Development Report:

Councilman Tabita said that between the Frick Communities and Borough we may be able to have a historic walking trail in Mount Pleasant. Councilman Tabita said that some towns have a map of their historical sites and each site has a phone number that you can dial and get all of the historical information about that site.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tabita said he received the preliminary design work from Its Enclosures for the Veterans Park Video Wall and he will turn it over to the borough engineers.

Parks & Recreation Report: None

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that there have been questions regarding the increase in taxes in Mount Pleasant. Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the tax increase was from the School District and not the Borough. Mayor Lucia said that it has been over eight years since the Borough has raised taxes.

Councilman Tabita said he would like to see the Borough put some of its savings into CD's or something that would earn more interest.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of a the old Leeper property, located on Bridgeport Street, originally purchased by Medic 10, to be opened at the September 6, 2011 meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to request quotes for the Welcome To Mount Pleasant sign for the west end of the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Pritts said he would like to put the recorder for the surveillance cameras on Main Street in the Police Station so that they will have access to it 24/7. Councilman Beranek said he would like to find out why the camera in the Police Station is not working.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson said she and Borough Manager Landy attended the Library Board meeting and the renovations are complete at the Library.

Councilman Tate said that someone approached him about Mount Pleasant putting our web site on Facebook. Council agreed that Mr. Landy should check with Solicitor Wolfe if there was any problem with doing that.

Reading of Communications: None

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Motions from July 18, 2011 Meeting

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