Meeting September 16, 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 also asked for a moment of prayer for the people killed in the Washington DC Naval Base shooting and the flooding in Colorado. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman McCloy, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, and Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum. Councilman Pritts arrived at 7:03pm.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 3, 2013 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Bob Keeler of the Coal and Coke Trail reported on the progress of the project. The Mount Pleasant trail head is now done and is the most utilized. The next phase is to attract people from the trail heads and into the boroughs to support local businesses. Mr. Keeler reported that several areas of the trail have been washed out by the recent heavy rains. He said those sections will be paved in order to prevent future problems. Mr. Keeler and Council discussed the best ways to mark the bike trail. Mr. Keeler also asked Council to consider funding for the trail.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that he thinks a daily list should be given to the Mount Pleasant Street Department. Mayor Lucia said that the Street Department must be more observant of things that need done in the Borough such as reporting on high grass, removing dead flower baskets from Veterans Park, weeds around the welcome sign on the west end of town and the Doughboy etc. President Bauer said that the Street Department Supervisor has been employed by the Borough for 40 years and should have more common sense. Street Department Personnel should take more pride in their work and he will start writing them up if he does not see improvement.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough

Treasurer's Report Aug-13

		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2013
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	119,901.54	110,986.54	58,915.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	762,851.17	28,324.20	63,427.12	727,748.25
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,369.00	3.57	0.00	43,372.57
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,372.57				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	400,744.54	50.92	1,700.00	399,095.46
**Police	33,127.60				
**Streets	90,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	102,999.19				
**Infrastructure	100,000.00				
**BOMP1 Gas Well	9,250.00				
**BOMP2 Gas Well	4,572.81				

**Frick Park Gas Well	24,408.36							
**Levins	4,365.06							
**Surveillance Cameras	160.00							
**Surveillance Camera Grant	2,182.87							
**Early Warning Siren Grant	1,300.00							
**Fire	15,000.00							
**K-9	11,729.57							
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00			
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	81,726.13	1.06	4,664.26	77,062.93			
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65			
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.37	0.07	0.00	1,802.44			
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	8,592.31	52,043.22	60,042.93	592.60			
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	346.49	270.00	0.00	616.49			
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,264.65	0.15	0.00	11,264.80			
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.47	0.03	0.00	613.50			
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	76,001.93	40,368.96	38,287.47	78,083.42			
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	134,842.30	1,017.30	0.00	135,859.60			
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	2,571.29	0.00	0.00	2,571.29			
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	41,147.35	0.00	39,407.19	1,740.16			
Total Consul Found Bolons					1,550,289.1			
Total General Fund Balance	Chanderd Deals 0220042200	205 004 50	E2 02E 00	24.757.04	6			
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	205,864.58	52,925.09	34,757.04	224,032.63			
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	83,454.36	1,514.88	0.00	84,969.24			
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,152.96	21.42	0.00	168,174.38			
**Contingency	108,174.38							
**Infrastructure	60,000.00				477 470 05			
Total WWT Balance					477,176.25			
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Total Borough funds					1			

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session 7:35pm to 8:12pm

President Bauer said the Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

President Bauer discussed putting a digital sign inside the Mount Pleasant sign at the old PNC drive-thru. President Bauer said that he is aware money will be tight next year and he knows of a company who will install the digital sign on a lease-to-own program. The cost of the sign will be somewhere around \$30,000 and with a lease-to-own program for that amount the Borough's monthly payment would be approximately \$950 per month.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- The rain garden on Diamond Street has been completed except for some minor things. This last rain garden will complete the Storm Water Retrofit Project.
- The Penn Park project needs more engineer work before it can start. The Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority has agreed to take over the project for the Borough as long as there are no objection or requirements from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.
- As a favor to the Borough, and to help with their store front visibility, Shop Demo Depot has removed trees and brush from the creek along Route 31and the bank near the railroad tracks.
- There were two accidents reported at the Safety Committee meeting. One was an injury to the hand of a WWT employee and the other was a volunteer fireman. Neither injury involved loss of work but will affect our 2014 Workers Comp rate.

• The 2014 estimated Liquid Fuels allocation is \$\$85,914.48 which is less than last year. The amount drops almost every year. The 2013 amount was over \$89,000.

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension in 2014 can be zero and for the Non-Uniform Pension it will be \$58,432.

Borough Manager Landy reported that the computer for the surveillance cameras at Willows Park was damaged during the lightning strike at the WWT Plant. Mr. Landy said he got an estimate to replace the PC and it has been sent to the insurance company.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

President Bauer said that the Quarry Street Project will probably not be completed this year because WWT personnel were needed on other projects. The Quarry Street Project will be finished in the spring of 2014.

Street Department Report: None

Borough Manager Landy said that the Street Department should begin work on the wall at Frick Park soon, but there is an issue of where the money will come from in the budget. Gas well revenue has been earmarked for park improvements but the revenue from the gas wells has been down.

Public Safety Report: None

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he received a report from Ed Howley, B.I.U. regarding the Christie property on Church Street and all of Council has a copy. Councilman McCloy said he will talk to the property owner about repairs that need done.

Councilman McCloy said that there is also an issue with the hill off of the back parking lot owned by Salooms Funeral Home. There is a cement trough that could result in washing away the hillside in the future. Mayor Lucia said that the Street Department will put stone in the trough to slow down the flow of water.

Councilman McCloy said that he will be having a meeting of his committee to discuss possible changes in the Zoning Ordinance. The requirements for B1 need to be changed so that businesses do not build up to the property line. Borough Manager Landy said that any new construction has to take into consideration room for a dumpster, rain runoff and safety issues.

Borough Manager Landy said that the issue with Dr. Arevalo's building on Main Street needs to be resolved. Mr. Landy said Health Officer Rita Bornstein has been working on it and a hearing was held in front of Magistrate Eckels but he does not know where it stands right now. Mr. Landy asked Council if they would like to go in a different direction.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

President Bauer said that Councilwoman Bailey and Borough Manager Jeff Landy attended the Library Board meeting this morning, but Jeff was asked to leave because he is not a member of Council. President Bauer said that he will attend the next meeting. President Bauer said he will not approve another check from the General Fund to the Library Board until the Board is running more efficiently.

Veterans Park:

Borough Manager Landy said that one of the Veterans Park Digital Wall software issues has been resolved and the first names will be put on this week by Industry Weapon. If everything goes smoothly we should be able to start putting the names on ourselves.

Mr. Landy said that during the Glass & Ethnic Festival there will be someone by the Digital Wall explaining how to use it. Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Digital Wall is so user friendly that as soon as someone touches the wall they will be able to navigate easily.

Councilman Pritts said that he will review the proposal from AP Video for a UPS Backup Device for the Digital Wall. He said it will be important to have a UPS in case of a power outage.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said he is working on getting estimates to repair the cracks in the basketball court at Frick Park.

Councilman Wojnar said he spoke with Ed Malone regarding the back stop at the Frick Park softball field and it was decided not to move on anything until October. That may be something we can budget for in 2014.

Councilman Wojnar reported that he spoke to Steven Baker from Snyder Parks Co. regarding what to use to replace the sand at the park. Councilman Wojnar took pictures of Frick Park and sent them to Mr. Baker along with measurements.

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to allow the WPISL use of the ball field at Frick Park on Saturday and Sunday in September and October as the schedule specifies including practice dates with the exception of the Glass Festival dates of September 27, 28, and 29. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer discussed removing the volley ball court and using the area for parking. Council discussed using the fencing at another park.

Finance and Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that any budget requests should be turned in by the October 7, 2013 meeting.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that Council should consider contracting someone to maintain the Welcome To Mount Pleasant sign. President Bauer said he spoke to someone about using turf. Councilman Wojnar said he will speak to the representative from Snyder Parks Co. about turf for the sign.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said she and Borough Manager Landy are meeting with Allied Waste later in the week to discuss the garbage contract.

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

• There will be a business meeting with the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce on October 10th.

President Bauer said that the next Reality Tour meeting will be October 10th at 7pm. This will be the last practice session, the next session will be live. President Bauer reported that the board members are Mayor Lucia, President Bauer, Borough Manager Jeff Landy, John Hostoffer, Mount Pleasant Township Supervisor Frank Pushkar and Magistrate Roger Eckels. Mayor Lucia is Chairman of the Board and committees have been designated.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

Motions from September 16, 2013 Meeting

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