

Meeting April 20, 2015

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 and The Lord’s Prayer were said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Tate, Wagner and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson and were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Councilman Wagner noted a correction in the April 6, 2015 minutes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Lucia said that he has been researching ownership of properties in the Borough that need cleaned up or cited for property maintenance.

Mayor Lucia said that he has received calls regarding people posing as fund raisers for the State Police and requesting donations. Mayor Lucia said that residents should simply request that the person send them a subscription.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Diane Bailey to allow Mayor Lucia to attend the 2015 PA State Mayor’s Association Conference from July 15 to July 19, 2015 at a cost of \$582. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia said that he is a member of the Board of Directors for the State Mayor’s Association and they have a meeting via conference call on the first Saturday of every month.

Solicitor’s Report: None

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2015:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Mar-15			Balance
		Previous	Deposits	Disbursements	2015
		Balance			
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,050.00	253,303.08	193,802.08	109,551.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	751,691.15	85,012.86	79,121.78	757,582.23
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	481,209.54	40.87	0.00	481,250.41
**Police	33,127.60				
**Streets	100,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	164,743.40				
**Infrastructure	86,588.62				
**BOMP1 Gas Well	9,250.00				
**BOMP2 Gas Well	4,572.81				
**Frick Park Gas Well	24,408.36				
**Levins	970.06				
**Surveillance Cameras	160.00				
**Early Warning Siren Grant	1,300.00				
**Fire	45,000.00				
**K-9	11,129.56				
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	2,203.70	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	48,743.65	105,939.93	7,295.15	147,388.43
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	6,747.79	0.00	0.00	6,747.79
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,803.79	0.08	0.00	1,803.87
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	661.21	50,650.09	50,650.09	661.21
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co	4,099.90	2,900.00	217.96	6,781.94

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Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.95	0.03	0.00	613.98
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,230.21	1,247.21	1,230.21	1,247.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,515,831.77
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	96,863.62	75,570.10	13,995.66	158,438.06
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	154,105.92	1,013.17	0.00	155,119.09
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,884.24	0.26	0.00	5,884.50
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,115.42	885.41	0.00	4,000.83
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					323,442.48
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	424,044.84	78,484.07	95,877.14	406,651.77
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	112,209.97	1,513.77	0.00	113,723.74
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	20,843.77	1.77	0.00	20,845.54
**Contingency		13,375.72			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	36,381.44	9,506.39	13,830.50	32,057.33
Total WWT Balance					573,278.38
Total Borough funds					2,412,552.63
Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski					
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak					

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 80.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to remove the handicap parking sign from in front of Hall Roofing. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer said that he has received another complaint about the property at 12 N. Church Street. President Bauer said that Borough Manager Landy will contact K2 Engineering to look at the property to see if there are property maintenance violations.

President Bauer asked Council if everyone has read the proposed parking permit ordinance. President Bauer said that it does not include the stipulation regarding the two properties on the corner of College Avenue and Washington Street being issued one parking permit each. Council agreed that those two properties should be included in the ordinance.

Borough Manager Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Borough received 2015 yearly dividend \$5,219.92 from HDH Insurance who has been the borough's insurance carrier for the last three years. Mr. Landy said that he does not know of any other insurance carrier who pays dividends. These dividends are based on claims from the entire group of insureds. HDH also offers the same program for Workers Comp Insurance which is why their initial rates are not as low as our current carrier. This is something to think about in the future.

Mr. Landy said that he met with Westmoreland Conservation District and the owner of the vacant property at 653 Main Street regarding storm water guidelines for reclaiming the property. The property owner has agreed to follow the guidelines and should have the project completed by May 15, 2015.

Borough Manager Landy said that a Property Maintenance Notice of Violation was sent to the owner of property on Pine Street who cut some trees down and did not clean them up from the back of the property.

Mr. Landy said that he and Police Chief Sam delivered the letter to McCali Manor from Council informing the owner that it is illegal to attached sandwich boards and other signs to borough property. The owner immediately unattached the signs.

Mr. Landy said that last year our WWT personnel televised some lines for Connellsville Township and we discussed payment for the services. Mr. Landy negotiated with Connellsville Township to trade services. Mount Pleasant may be able to borrow paving equipment and they have even offered manpower if we need it. Mr. Landy said that it will be up to Street Committee Chairperson Diane Bailey to decide what we need.

Borough Manager Landy said that the YMCA will hold their summer program at Frick Park again this year and will coincide with the free lunch program sponsored by Southmoreland School District.

Mr. Landy said that the Borough will be using CDBG grant funds to upgrade Frick Park. Since Frick Park is considered a historical park the State has requested we outline exactly what work will be done. We are in the process of getting the plot plan and CAD drawings on the new playground equipment to forward to state officials.

Mr. Landy said that he needs Council to pick a date and time for the 2015 Christmas Parade and for the Candle Light Procession. The MPASD Band is available to participate in the parade on Tuesday evening December 1st and Saturday morning December 5th. President Bauer said that he will not be available this year to play Santa for the parade and follow-up activities. Council agreed to hold the 2015 Christmas Parade at 11am on Saturday December 5th.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate asked if Solicitor Wolfe has generated an invoice for Mount Pleasant Township to cover their portion of the cost of the bio-tower and the flow meters. Mr. Landy said that it has no invoice has been sent yet.

Councilman Tate said that after looking at all of the costs to repair the bio-tower we should be able to pay off the loan in approximately three years and he feels the \$15 capital assessment charge should be removed from sewage bills then. A discussion ensued regarding leaving the assessment charge on the bills until we can save the money to replace the other bio-tower. Councilman Wagner said that the cost of replacing the second bio-tower should be included in the agreement with Mount Pleasant Township. Councilman Tate said that a meeting will be held with the Township about the original sewage agreement between the Borough and the Township because the Township has not always lived up to their part of that agreement. President Bauer said that there are other repair costs that need to be considered.

Borough Manager Landy said that WWT Superintendent Larry Hague met with representatives from Penn Dot and Jacobs Creek Water Shed regarding the Main Street Project and Penn Dot is requiring that all work on Main Street sewage, water and gas lines be completed by April 1, 2016. Jacobs Creek Watershed said that they have applied for grant funds to install storm water inlets on Main Street. They will include replacement of sewage lines on Main Street from the Doughboy to Silver Street with the grant fund request.

Mr. Landy said that Council must decide what they are willing to do for the Penn Dot Main Street Project because an engineering firm has to be chosen to determine cost and it will have to be put out for bid to be completed before April 1, 2016. WWT Superintendent Larry Hague said that he will ask Gibson Thomas Engineers for some preliminary engineering costs so that Council can make a decision at the next meeting.

Veterans Park Report: None

Streets Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to award the bid for the Ramsay Terrace (North & South Geary) paving project to Tresco Paving Corporation of Pittsburgh PA in the amount of \$38,248.50 using funds from Liquid Fuels. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept the proposal from Gibson Thomas Engineering to perform activities related to the annual MS4 DEP compliance at a cost of \$1,200. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that after speaking with Solicitor Wolfe and Police Chief Sam the job description for a Borough Code Enforcement Officer is almost complete. Most of the job description is already described in a borough ordinance establishing the office of Code Enforcement. The ordinance states that the Code Enforcement Officer reports to the Borough Manager.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Police Chief Sam is preparing for a state audit of our Police Department. Preparations will include the small amount of construction in the police station that has been approved by Council. Police Chief Sam has been working on Evidence Procedures and has praised Office Grippo for his help with that.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that there are two candidates for Part-time Police Officer in the Borough who are looking for night and weekend work and they will be presented to Council at the next meeting to be on board to cover shifts this summer.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report: None

Finance & Human Resources Report: None

Property Report:

Council discussed progress on the repairs to Frick Park bathrooms and fixtures that are being replaced.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Mount Pleasant Historical Society is requesting a donation to the 2015 Community Picnic. Council agreed to donate the same as last year.
- United Way of Westmoreland County and Westmoreland Community Action are holding a Summer Kick-Off Concert featuring Switch on Saturday May 23, 2015 at the Westmoreland County Fairgrounds. Tickets are available for presale at \$30 and will be \$35 at the door.
- The Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Annual Banquet on Saturday May 2, 2015 at 5:30pm recognizing:
 - Gerald Lucia 40 Years
 - Joseph Siska 35 Years
 - Richard Pologruto 35 Years
 - William Kristoff 20 Years
 - Corry Snyder 15 Years

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:47pm

Motions from April 20, 2015 Meeting

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