

Meeting April 21, 2014

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:00pm 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. Councilman Caruso, Pritts, Tate, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum. Solicitor Wolfe was absent and Mayor Lucia arrived at 7:20pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 7, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Steve Perry, Jim Pekar, and Giuseppe Spizzichinni from Honeywell discussed the detailed energy saving audit Honeywell did for all borough facilities and a self-funding lighting project. The project will involve changing lighting at all facilities decorative lights on and Main Street. The cost of the project will be \$132,000 with a 15 year payback. The guaranteed annual savings would be just over \$9,000. Honeywell proposed a one-year stipulated service contract that would include an initial measurement and verification report and then at the end of the year another report would be generated showing the actual savings and making sure that everything that was guaranteed is being met. If the savings guarantee is not met, Honeywell would reimburse the saving difference. A discussion ensued regarding upgrades to the WWT Plant.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that the Borough will have to replace the No Parking signs at Falcon's Field. They have started locking the gate to the field and people who normally would park on the field are now parking on the street.

Mayor Lucia said that he had a meeting with Westmoreland County Transit and the taxi service regarding elderly residents being picked up at Ridgeview Apartments. The buses are not able to go in and out of the apartment complex safely. The only solution to the problem would be stop signs on Church Street. It would be necessary to get Penn Dot's approval and study because Church Street is considered an alternate state route. The Transit Authority has agreed to write a letter to Penn Dot requesting a study and it would strengthen the appeal if a letter was also written from the Borough.

Mayor Lucia said that he received a complaint that there was a disturbance at the basketball courts at 2am recently. There were young people drinking and smoking marijuana and generally making a lot of noise. Councilman Wojnar said that he understood that the lights on the court were to be shut off by 10pm every night. Mayor Lucia said that the individual who issued the complaint said that he tried to contact the police, but no action was taken. President Bauer said that the parks are closed at dusk and the police should approach anyone loitering after that time. Mayor Lucia said that the gate to the basketball court should be locked by 10pm every night and it is the responsibility of the police to see that it is locked.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2014:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report

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		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2014
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,326.00	280,429.48	258,459.48	73,296.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	678,062.55	177,753.70	68,318.88	787,497.37
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,394.20	2.79	0.00	43,396.99
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		3,394.20			

General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	393,197.33	33.40	0.00	393,230.73
**Police		33,127.60			
**Streets		90,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		103,278.94			
**Infrastructure		100,000.00			
**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		15,000.00			
**K-9		11,129.56			
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	22,284.57	5,039.24	0.00	27,323.81
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	53,380.98	96,173.03	15,291.60	134,262.41
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,802.89	0.08	0.00	1,802.97
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	499.28	56,098.81	55,936.57	661.52
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	691.49	120.00	0.00	811.49
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	5,548.39	0.05	0.00	5,548.44
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.65	0.02	0.00	613.67
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	3,042.21	0.00	0.00	3,042.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,477,438.26
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	122,611.07	37,066.99	53,893.28	105,784.78
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	141,957.44	1,012.14	0.00	142,969.58
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,881.30	0.25	0.00	5,881.55
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	2,465.93	870.33	0.00	3,336.26
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					257,972.17
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	261,519.85	31,040.61	47,223.20	245,337.26
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	94,056.75	1,512.25	0.00	95,569.00
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	168,292.61	14.29	0.00	168,306.90
**Contingency		108,279.80			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					509,213.16
Total Borough funds					2,244,623.59

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

President's Report: None

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said he attended the recent Penn Dot Outreach Seminar and found out that the Borough's Agility Agreement with Penn Dot has expired. That agreement allows us to trade services with Penn Dot. Mr. Landy said that he is going to request that a representative from Penn Dot draft Agility Agreements for the municipalities attending the G-11 Conference.

Borough Manager Landy said that he met with Councilwoman Stevenson about a new business possibly moving into the Borough and covered everything that a business needs to do to open in the Borough. The meeting went very well and the business owner agreed that the process was fairly simple.

Mr. Landy said that he took the rendering of Penn Park to county officials and the Westmoreland Conservation District who have agreed to do the engineering. Engineers will institute a plan so that water runoff from the parking lot at the park is not an issue. Mr. Landy said that Penn Park will be a historical park and he spoke to a sculptor who is going to construct benches for the park that will look like they are made out of coal. President Bauer said that the committee for Penn Park will include him, Mayor Lucia, Councilman Tate and Borough Manager Jeff Landy. Councilwoman Stevenson said she has spoken to Ms. Teresa Benedict and Mr. Rick Meeson about historical facts that can be included on a plaque somewhere in the park.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Safety Committee made up of representatives from all borough departments held its monthly Safety Meeting. A study was done earlier in the year about safety issues at borough buildings. Mr. Landy said that council members will each receive a copy of the study.

Mr. Landy said that the G-11 Conference will be held this weekend and since Mount Pleasant has taken the lead on this conference he would like members of council attend.

Mr. Landy said that he received a book on "How to do Business with Penn Dot" and he will make a copy for President Bauer, Mayor Lucia and the Street Committee. The book talks about permitted signs, flashing beacons etc. and also talks about our State Representative.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate reported that part of the bio-tower at the Waste Water Treatment Plant collapsed over the weekend. The company who originally installed the tower is no longer in business so our engineers called a company by the name of Brentwood who gave us a preliminary price of \$284,000 to repair the tower. Councilman Tate said that he instructed Borough Manager Landy to contact our insurance company and there is a meeting scheduled with their engineering department tomorrow and he will meet with Mount Pleasant Township Supervisors to discuss the issue since it affects the Township also. Councilman Tate said he will report further at the next meeting.

Councilman Tate said that we received a letter from the Pennsylvania DEP that we must monitor our overflows. In order to do this the Borough will need 13 meters put in for 6 months and each meter is \$1,000 which will total approximately \$78,000 plus the fee from DEP.

President Bauer said that he asked Borough Manager Landy to contact WWT Superintendent Norm Stout about cameraing a line at the Porterfield property at Ramsay Terrace. The yard collapsed in the back right over a storm sewer. Mr. Landy said that Mr. Stout told him he would attempt to camera the line. Mr. Landy said that he would talk with State Pipe at the G-11 Conference to see if they can be of assistance.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that there was a small problem with the Veterans Park Digital Wall. The system needed to be rebooted. Councilman Tate said that he feels part of the problem is that it isn't going to sleep at night like it's supposed to. It is supposed to shut down at midnight and come back up at 6am every morning.

Street Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to advertise for bids to pave Anne Street and a part of N. Geary Street intersection and Joseph Street to Ramsay Court. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10am on May 15, 2014 to be opened at 10am May 15, 2014. Bid will be awarded at the regular council meeting on May 19, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has a list of street signs for the June 14, 2014 deadline. Councilwoman Bailey said that she will go over the list with Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department will work with WWT on the wall at Frick Park and to clean the storm sewers.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Street Department will remove the merry-go-round, the fire truck and the two monkey bars from the parks.

Council discussed streets that are badly in need of patching. President Bauer said that the patches should be dug out and patched correctly. President Bauer said that Washington Street is in very bad shape and needs patched.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has looked at the walking track at Frick Park with Robert Hudec and there are 11 ½ sections that should be replaced at a cost of \$3,500. If we replace only the worst 6 ½ sections the cost would be approximately \$1,600.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to replace pads at Frick Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Hudec Construction to replace 11 ½ concrete pads at the Frick Park walking track at a quoted cost of \$3,500. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she attended the Annual PSAB Conference in Hershey PA. During the conference Councilwoman Bailey said she spoke to a representative from Unique Paving and he agreed to honor the agreement made last year giving the Borough one free ton of blacktop material.

Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that after talking to the business owners who are thinking of opening a location in the Borough she decided that it may be beneficial to have a check list on the borough web-site for new businesses.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Medic 10 would like to purchase a couple of vending machines for the station house. The cost of the machines range from \$850 to \$1,200 each. Councilwoman Stevenson said that Medic 10 personnel feel that they would be able to maintain and repair the machines themselves. Once the machines are paid for the income would go into a special fund.

Council discussed the tree planted by Mr. Soforic on the corner of Washington and College and whether it is interfering with the stop sign. Council agreed to look at the tree and make a decision at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale will be held on June 14, 2014.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that her committee is working on erecting some sort of monument to Police Chief Pore who was killed while on duty in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Rick Meeson from the Mount Pleasant Historical Society is looking into grant opportunities.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Wagner said that he attended the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority meeting last week and they are putting out the word that the BDA has grant funds available for signage.

Councilman Wagner said that the BDA is interested in partnering with the Borough and the Parking Authority to purchase property owned by Krystyniak's on Main Street to use for parking and eventually erect a parking garage.

Councilman Wagner reported that Mr. Bill George was elected Vice-President of the BDA. President Bauer said that Mr. George was not reappointed to serve on the BDA Board.

Councilman Wagner said that the decision on the LED Grant will be made on May 6, 2014.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Wojnar said he provided Council with a list of repairs that need to be done at borough parks. Councilman Wojnar asked Council to email him with any input regarding who would be doing the inspections in the future.

Councilman Wojnar said that he and Borough Manager Landy met with YMCA Director Steve Simon regarding the 2014 summer program at Frick Park. This year the program will be four days per week for four weeks.

Councilman Wojnar said that there will be flyers printed for the Concerts and Movies In The Park as well as the Summer Program at Frick Park. These flyers will be distributed in the schools and pre-schools.

President Bauer said that he would like to see Skowronek Lawn Service mow the grass etc. at Veterans Park and the Gazebo Area before May 1, 2014 because Mount Pleasant Senior High Prom will be held on May 2, 2014.

A discussion ensued regarding the basketball court and who would contact the Mount Pleasant Police Department about monitoring the usage of the court. Mayor Lucia said that he will talk to the Police.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that a claim was reported by a woman who said that when she was forced to move to the side of Church Street she hit a storm sewer grate. There was damage to her vehicle in the amount

of \$357.97 plus the cost of towing. Borough Manager Landy said that the usual procedure would be to contact our insurance company with her claims. Mr. Landy said that he will discuss it further with President Bauer before contacting HDH Group, Inc. Councilwoman Bailey said that she took pictures of the sewer grate and will make them available to our insurance company if necessary.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to hire Brown's Tree Service to cut down 1 maple tree and 2 locust trees on borough property between the Municipal Building and the old volleyball court and grind stumps for all 3 trees at a cost of \$1,000. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer said that the trees that are being cut down are dying and need to be removed, but Council has to look at replacing them and planting other trees in the park.

Councilman Pritts said that he has asked the representative from the camera company to meet with Borough Manager Landy regarding the placement of cameras in the police station and WWT. President Bauer said that Council needs to look at some sort of camera system for the second floor of the Municipal Building because there have been a couple instances that have frightened tenants. Councilman Pritts said that a buzzer system and a self-locking door would be the best solution.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilman Caruso reported that the Borough was approved for a \$5,000 grant through Westmoreland Cleanways for tree planting at Frick and Willows Parks. The application was submitted in 2013 and approved this year.

New Business:

Mayor Lucia asked if there were any plans for May 1st which is the National Day of Prayer. President Bauer said that our solicitor has said that the Borough can be involved in organizing activities for that day and Mr. Landy will contact our local churches to see if they are interested in participating.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Mount Pleasant Little League invited Council to opening day ceremonies Saturday April 26th and Saturday May 3rd at noon at the Little League Field at Willows Park.
- Packers Cheerleaders would like a donation from the Borough for their 50-year anniversary this year. Mr. Landy said he will turn the request over to the Recreation Committee.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:01pm

Motions from Meeting of April 21, 2014

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