

## Meeting June 23, 2014

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 Caruso, Tate, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 2, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0 after the following correction to motion: 6/2/14 motion under Streets should specify that \$600 for cement pad at Library was part of original payment to Hudec Construction and no further payments will be made.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that one of the Borough's part-time policemen was injured in a motorcycle accident and is still in critical condition. Mayor Lucia asked Council to remember him in their prayers.

### Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		May-14			Balance
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	2014
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	59,435.00	333,903.98	343,338.98	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	771,531.12	218,350.51	100,365.70	889,515.93
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,398.78	1.78	0.00	43,400.56
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	3,398.78				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	470,269.27	39.94	0.00	470,309.21
**Police	33,127.60				
**Streets	90,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	180,350.88				
**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	25,323.81	0.00	0.00	25,323.81
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	129,639.60	1.36	4,761.35	124,879.61
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,803.04	0.08	0.00	1,803.12
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	661.51	68,131.31	68,131.31	661.51
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	931.49	100.00	145.00	886.49
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	5,548.58	0.06	0.00	5,548.64
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.70	0.03	0.00	613.73
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	3,042.21	0.00	0.00	3,042.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,621,935.47</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	136,199.02	77,306.94	27,210.78	186,295.18
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	143,981.41	1,012.31	0.00	144,993.72
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,881.80	0.24	0.00	5,882.04
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,336.26	0.00	0.00	3,336.26
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>340,507.20</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	269,685.79	145,505.03	40,358.72	374,832.10
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	97,081.12	1,512.49	0.00	98,593.61
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	178,321.12	8.24	105,000.00	73,329.36

<b>Total WWT Balance</b>	546,755.07
<b>Total Borough funds</b>	<b>2,509,197.74</b>
Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski	
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak	

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to approve the Treasurer’s Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Councilwoman Ruskowski have been to area banks to apply for a \$400,000 loan to repair the Bio-tower media and all of the proposals should be in by July 1, 2014.

Mr. Landy said that he attended a Pension seminar and has a better feel for calculating what our obligations will be for the next year.

Borough Manager Landy said that plans for Penn Park have been sent to the county and they have forwarded them to the Historical & Museum Commission in Harrisburg for review. As soon as Harrisburg signs off on the plans and returns them we will advertise for construction bids.

Borough Manager Landy said that he has marked the pot holes in one part of town and Councilwoman Bailey marked the ones in the other part of town.

Mr. Landy said that he received the agreement letter from the Municipal Authority for the \$100,000 grant to the Borough to repair the bio-tower at the WWT Plant.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Tate said that we have received the specs from Gibson Thomas Engineers and they have advertised for bids to replace the damaged bio-tower at the WWT Plant. Bids will be received at the borough office no later than 11:00am June 30, 2014.

**Veterans Park Report:** None

**Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to close Main Street, Route 31 from Braddock Road Avenue to Cooks Way on September 27, 2014 from 12:30pm to 4:00pm for the Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to close Diamond Street Route 819 from Main Street Route 31 to S. Spruce Street from 11am on September 25, 2014 to 11am on September 29, 2014 for the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that Mr. Kubasky called and said that he is very happy with the work that was done on his driveway. This matter is now closed.

President Bauer asked Councilwoman Bailey if she has any information on what is being done about the sink hole on Church Street. Councilwoman Bailey said that Street Supervisor Fontanazza contacted Penn Dot and they are coming to look at it. We are waiting to hear back about whether they will fix it or whether they feel we should take care of the problem.

Councilman Tate said that it was reported to him that the Mount Pleasant Street Department did a very good job on Braddock Road Avenue.

**Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to ratify Resolution 2014-03 agreeing to support Senate Bill 1340 which would allow local municipalities to use radar as a speed device. A motion was made and carried to support Senate Bill 1340 at the council meeting of 5/5/14. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for the purpose of hiring two part-time police officers. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the hiring of Easton Weaver of, Indiana PA and Michael Stefko, Jeannette PA as part-time police officers for the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she received a number of applications for the part-time Ordinance Officer position for the Borough. The Public Safety Committee has sorted through the applications and has scheduled interviews. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she will be working with the Human Resources Committee to develop a job description.

President Bauer said Medic 10 has requested that Council consider allowing them to purchase a wheelchair accessible van due to the proposed expansion at Frick Hospital. Council agreed to discuss the possibility at the next Medic 10 Board Meeting.

### **Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilman Wagner said he called Mr. Josh Scott of the PA Economic Services Organization requesting assistance. Mr. Scott was unable to offer assistance, but gave Councilman Wagner the number for Go New PA and he will contact them. Councilman Wagner said he also has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Jim Bendle from Westmoreland County to see if there is any assistance available from the county.

Councilman Wagner said that the Mount Pleasant BDA has hired an outreach coordinator to reach out to the businesses in the community to find out what their needs are and to move the community forward.

Councilman Wagner reported that the seminar by PNC Bank hosted by the BDA went well and the business owners who attended found it very beneficial.

Borough Manager Landy said that he sent Councilman Wagner's committee an email regarding a grant that would provide funds for street equipment.

### **Parks & Recreation Report:**

Councilman Wojnar reported that the summer craft program at Frick Park started last week and there has been a very good response. Councilman Wojnar said that the Street Department is going to have to empty the trash at the park on a daily basis because of the summer programs.

Councilman Wojnar said that there are some swings at the playground at Frick Park that need to be rehung.

Councilman Wojnar reported that over 100 people attended the first Movie In The Park on Sunday and it was a great success.

### **Finance & Human Resources Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to add Somerset Trust Company as a designated depository for Borough funds. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve VFD insurance renewal through Higbee Insurance for 2014-2015 at a cost of \$24,945 which includes an additional insurance premium of \$312 to cover underinsured buildings. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept WWT Superintendent Norman Stout's resignation effective June 25, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Norman Stout said that the transition at the WWT Plant should go smoothly because personnel at the plant have been cross-trained. Mr. Stout said that if it is necessary, he will be available for the next couple of months to help file the DMR Report which is done on a monthly basis. Mr. Stout made a note on his resignation letter which says his last day will be July 1, 2014 regarding the early departure, signed it and gave it to Councilwoman Ruszkowski.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to appoint Mr. Larry Hague as interim WWT Superintendent. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 8-0.

**Property Report:** None

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to participate in Westmoreland Cleanways Hazardous Clean Up Day on October 4, 2014 at WCCC at a cost of \$160. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia asked Borough Manager to have signs made and put them at the entrances to the Borough advertising the hazardous clean-up days because the program removes a lot of hazardous material from the Borough.

Council discussed where to place the recycling containers from Westmoreland Cleanways this summer for borough events. Borough Manager Landy said that the cost to replace the containers if they are stolen or destroyed is \$50.

**New Business:**

Councilman Wagner asked if the monies that were paid to B.I.U. for inspections etc. that were not done will be returned. Borough Manager Landy said that B.I.U. agreed to complete the inspections that were already paid for. President Bauer said that hearings for citations issued to the landlords by B.I.U. and scheduled for June 25, 2014 have been withdrawn. K2 Engineering will be issuing citations going forward.

Borough Manager Landy said that a Right To Know Request was received from Mr. Michael Nutter concerning inspection reports for some rental properties in the Borough. Mr. Landy said that he instructed Secretary Fedorchak to call Solicitor Wolfe regarding necessary redactions in the files and Solicitor Wolfe asked for copies for the files to be sent to him for his review.

Mr. Landy said that he received the information from Gibson Thomas regarding the cost of the flow meters for WWT in respect to the DEP report that is coming due.

**Reading of Communications:**

Mr. Landy read the following communications:

- West Overton Village is requesting a donation of \$250 for upcoming events.
- Penn State Extension is celebrating 100 years with a ceremony on July 17, 2014 from 11am to 1pm and all of Council is invited to attend.
- A letter from Mr. Michael Nutter, 118 E Vine Street requesting a certificate of insurance from our inspection company in the amount of 2 million dollars as well as a background check for the inspector.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

### **Motions from Meeting of June 23, 2014**

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