

Meeting September 15, 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 Pritts, 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. Councilman Wojnar left the meeting at 9:10pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 2, 2014 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comments:

Mr. Ed Christophano, Hayden's Pharmacy thanked Council for his recent appointment to the Mount Pleasant BDA. Mr. Christophano said that the BDA is currently working on a database that will have information about all of the businesses in the Borough. Mr. Christophano reported that the BDA has a new web site. The BDA has been revamping all of the signage and façade grants that are available through the BDA and the applications are now available on the new web site.

Mr. Christophano said that the BDA was approached to participate in "Breast Cancer Awareness" in October. Turning the fountain at Veterans Park pink and putting pink balloons on the Gazebo. Valerie Tressler has volunteered to decorate the Gazebo in pink for October and she will work with the BDA. The BDA would also like to take over the parking meters on Main Street for the month of October by putting pink plastic reusable bags on them. The bags will say that the BDA in cooperation with Mount Pleasant Borough is paying for parking. The BDA will pick up the cost for parking for the entire month of October based on an average monthly meter income. Borough Manager Landy suggested putting a slot in the bag where drivers could put money in the meter anyway and the proceeds would go to "Breast Cancer Awareness". The BDA is also working on bringing a Mammography Van to the Borough during October. Mr. Christophano said that the BDA is working on some promotions for the 25 days of Christmas. Council agreed that the BDA can move forward with the "Pink for October" project.

President Bauer said that he would like the BDA to draft bylaws and Mr. Christophano said that he is working on that with the other members of the Board along with the business database. Mayor Lucia said that the database will be helpful to the Fire Department also. Borough Manager Landy said that he would like Council to be made aware of the formula used to tax the businesses.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Council discussed the process now in place to handle properties with high grass in the Borough. Mr. Landy said that either he or a police officer rides around town looking for high grass. The property is reported to the borough office and a certified notice of violation is sent. The property owner has 5 days to take care of the violation and if they don't, Mr. Landy files with the Magistrate and fines are levied.

Mayor Lucia said that Kevin Stout, Ligonier and Roy Conrad, Plum Borough will be put on the casual list at Medic 10. They applied for the position and have been checked out by West Penn Allegheny Health System.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Aug-14			Balance 2014
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,568.00	134,162.59	131,298.59	54,432.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	818,605.80	46,858.30	67,320.94	798,143.16

General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	43,404.25	1.72	0.00	43,405.97
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		3,405.97			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	470,387.82	39.95	0.00	470,427.77
**Police		33,127.60			
**Streets		90,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		180,509.35			
**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	69,577.94	0.64	4,792.80	64,785.78
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	5,950.65	0.00	0.00	5,950.65
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,803.27	0.07	0.00	1,803.34
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	661.51	50,438.24	49,286.08	1,813.67
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	552.98	0.00	552.98	0.00
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025 Somerset Trust Co	0.00	5,548.81	5,548.81	0.00
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	0.00	6,101.79	8.00	6,093.79
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	613.78	0.02	0.00	613.80
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	3,042.21	0.00	0.00	3,042.21
Total General Fund Balance					1,475,835.95
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	166,491.08	39,117.81	102,097.00	103,511.89
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	147,018.21	1,012.57	0.00	148,030.78
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,882.54	0.23	0.00	5,882.77
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	3,336.26	0.41	159.58	3,177.09
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					260,602.53
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	366,455.14	40,073.07	51,203.94	355,324.27
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	101,618.73	1,512.81	0.00	103,131.54
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	73,341.61	6.23	0.00	73,347.84
**Contingency		13,341.61			
**Infrastructure		60,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					531,803.65
Total Borough funds					2,268,242.13
Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski Secretary Beverly Fedorchak					

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

President's Report:

President Bauer spoke about various budget line items that are already over or close to being over budget and some unexpected expenses facing the Borough.

President Bauer said that he is happy with the direction the BDA is going and feels after the sale of the In Town Shops they are in a better position to do more in the Borough.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:44pm to 8:13pm

President Bauer stated that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel.

Borough Managers Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that First Niagara Bank has said that they will begin demolition on Main Street on September 29th and should be open for business by December 15th.

Borough Manager Landy reported that Mount Pleasant Borough's income from parking meters is lower than other boroughs. When the new meters were purchased and calibrated it was estimated that income would be approximately \$20,000 per year and the income is actually only \$12,000 per year. When Council looks at increasing revenue, more parking meter income is something that can be increased.

Mr. Landy said that there was not a very big turnout for the 9/11 Remembrance this year, but everyone who did attend was very impressed with Taney Basinger who was the soloist.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the quote in the amount of \$5,410 from Pleasant Valley Metal Roofing for a new roof at the WWT Plant. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to accept the quote in the amount of \$1,517.41 from Bridgeport Technology for a laptop computer to be used at the WWT Plant. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer said that after including the township sewage customers into the equation, after two years we will be able to order the second bio-tower media and within six months the first loan will be paid off and at five years both loans should be paid off and the \$15 Capital Improvement Fee can be lifted and reassessed if another project is necessary.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that he has two volunteers who will hand out pamphlets about the Digital Wall during the Glass & Ethnic Festival.

Streets Report: None

President Bauer began a discussion about Street Department personnel and said that since Dan Dean retired and the department is short a man, under union rules Supervisor Fontanazza is allowed to do union work. President Bauer also pointed out expense items in the Street Department budget that are over-budget already and said that with better management some of the line items would not be over.

Council discussed projects that the Street Department should be doing and how to make better use of their time. Council discussed finishing the new wall at Frick Park and agreed that WWT personnel could finish the job.

Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that things are going very well at Medic 10. There will be one full-time person trained in critical care and Medic 10 will be the only service with that has a critical care EMT.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Medic 10 has lights that need to be replaced at their facility and need to know if they should replace them or wait until the Guaranteed Energy Program is in place.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Medic 10 is getting new computer software from West Penn Allegheny Health System and they are considering purchasing tablets to run it so that data can be entered on-site instead of writing on paper and transferring back at the station.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Medic 10 personnel are working on grant funding to purchase a new ambulance.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is in contact with K2 Engineering and they have provided her with various spreadsheets on the progress of landlord inspections. Some things are unclear and Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is working with K2 Engineering to clarify these issues. President Bauer said that he spoke with Frank Monack from K2 and was told that Frank will be working on inspections in Mount Pleasant through the rest of the year and hopes to clear up most of them or issue citations. President Bauer said that he feels K2 Engineering is doing a good job and he has received favorable comments about them.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she received a request to have the parking meter removed at the alley where the log cabin is because when there is a vehicle parked at the meter it is not possible to see a car coming down the street. Council discussed the request and decided that the meter should remain.

Council discussed the sign ordinance and digital signs. President Bauer said that he feels we should adopt the guidelines used by Penn Dot. Borough Manager Landy said that Penn Dot will look at any ordinance the Borough has regarding signage and compare it to theirs. If they differ Penn Dot might not override the Borough ordinance.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the resident at 319 Eagle Street is requesting a handicap parking space. Council approved the sign. The resident must pay the cost of the sign.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that First Niagara Bank is requesting that they be allowed to block off the sidewalk in front of their property during construction of their new facility on Main Street from September 29, 2014 through mid-November. Council agreed to allow them to block off the sidewalk.

President Bauer said that First Niagara Bank will be working two shifts during construction. Hours of construction will be 7am to 11pm. Council agreed to allow them to work the extra hour until 11pm.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Wagner said that he will meet with Borough Manager Landy more frequently to discuss grant opportunities.

Councilman Wagner said that he is exploring several grant opportunities open until 2015 through Keystone Grants for historical preservation and construction and some others.

Councilman Wagner said that he met with President Bauer to inventory Christmas decorations at the Synagogue.

President Bauer said that someone should call Mr. Barry Premoshis to see if he wants to get his Christmas displays that are being stored at the Synagogue.

Borough Manager Landy said that the deadline for the CDBG Grant is October 15, 2014 and Council needs to decide what streets to pave with grant funds and any other projects.

Parks & Recreation Report: None

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to sign the agreement with Westmoreland Transit for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$1,538.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to hire Derek Hoover for a part-time position at the WWT Plant at \$10.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to hire Joseph Yancosky, Mount Pleasant PA to the full-time position with the Mount Pleasant Street Department with a starting salary of \$14.30 per hour. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that he received a quote from Handyman Joe in the amount of \$7,500 to fix the water problems on the first floor of the Municipal Building, which includes 3 new glass block windows, a drainage ditch and foam board against as much of the foundation as possible. Council agreed that it needs to be done as soon as possible.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Westmoreland Walks, Inc. will be holding a walk to benefit breast cancer on October 4, 2014.

- Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Business Meeting & Chamber Awards Luncheon on October 9, 2014 at the Fred Rogers Conference Center at St. Vincent College. The cost is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of 8.

President Bauer said that in light of ISIS threats to Americans bomb sniffing dogs were at the Gazebo before the 9/11 ceremony and will be at the Glass & Ethnic Festival. Also, back packs will be searched at the Festival.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 9:57pm.

Motions from September 15, 2014 Meeting

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